

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th December 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs E D T Goodman (County Councillor) - Items 1 - 13 incl.
Two Local Government Electors

N.B. Mrs Goodman apologised that this is the first meeting she has been able to attend for some time. She had suffered a severe illness in the summer.

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Mrs D Edmonds (prior engagement) and Mrs L Spicer (business).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 9th November 1999, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising, other than those covered in the Agenda.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

There is no further news at present. Mr McWilliam attempted to return the Clerk's telephone call today so it is hoped to have an update next Meeting.

5 PLAYING FIELD/ PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that immediately after the last meeting the Borough Council had indicated their willingness to make a grant to the PFA for installation of the basketball sleeve. The Council's cheque to the EBBA had therefore been returned and cancelled.

The Clerk summarised expenditure in the year to end November as totalling £1736.55 compared to full year budget £ 1600, with some relatively small expenditure still to come. The overrun is because of the previous year's fragmentation charge, £ 175, coming through this year and because of additional maintenance charges due to the mower unserviceability. Mrs Saunders indicated that the PFA would meet the costs of refurbishing and repainting the Pavilion and repainting outdoor seats etc themselves. Ray Hardy has quoted £ 625 for infilling the play wall flush with the buttresses and the PFA have requested a grant from the Borough towards this.

6 VILLAGE HALL

John Unwin Electrical Contractors Ltd have quoted £141.60 to install lighting above the two War Memorials and it is expected that this work will take place very shortly, after which the unveiling ceremony will be organised.

The Duke of Somerset had replied personally to the request for a picture of the 15th Duke and promises to have a suitable photograph of a portrait taken for us.

Mr Sells has valued the portion of Mr David Harrison's land in which we are interested at £75 and the Chairman has agreed this with Mr Harrison. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to proceed with the land purchase and with the Wildlife Project. The Borough Council have confirmed that this scheme will qualify for Millennium funding and have sent an Application Form.

Coincidentally the Charnwood Wildlife Project have offered funding for three pieces of artwork on a 'first come, first served' basis to Wymeswold, Walton or ourselves. The Clerk has registered our interest in this and it was agreed to explore the possibility of allying this to the scheme for improvement of the Village Hall surrounds.

Mrs Pickford advised that it has been a satisfactory year for the Village Hall with more groups using the facilities and additional bookings for wedding receptions etc.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

A letter from Mr Philip White of the Parochial Church Council advises that it is still not clear whether Ecclesiastic Insurance will accept a claim for the theft of the Burial Ground gates.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

An acknowledgment had been received from the County Council regarding the requested traffic measures. Whilst not initially encouraging, a more detailed response is promised.

9 PLANNING

New Delegation arrangements for Planning and Related Applications. A letter dated 11th November under this heading has been received from the Director of Planning & Technical Services for Charnwood, detailing amended arrangements which are designed to speed the planning process by reducing the number of Applications heard by the Committees.

P/99/00158 - erection of House and Garage at 10 Loughborough Road, Burton on the Wolds. Complaints had been received that this house, now under construction, appears to exceed approved dimensions. This had been reported to the Planning officers who had visited the site but confirm that the construction is in accordance with the permitted plans.

P/99/0645 - 4 Hall Drive, Burton on the Wolds. There has been a very minor amendment to this Application, not considered by the Planning Officers sufficient to require an amended Application.

P/99/0856 - proposed two new Buildings, Wymeswold Industrial Estate. The applicants have supplied further information which in no way improves the Application and the original objection was endorsed.

P/99/02229 and 02228 (Listed Building Consent) - Installation of two windows and replacement door on courtyard elevation (phase 4), Prestwold Hall and

P/99/02226 - proposed extension to front of 1 Somerset Close, Burton on the Wolds (Mr Signoria) and

P/99/02272 - proposed erection of Conservatory to rear, 29 Seymour Road, Burton on the Wolds (Mr & Mrs N Heaton)

There were no objections to the above three Applications.

P/99/02197 - revised Scheme for Burton Hall Nursing Home and paddock area. Details of this revision, with a summary of the case to date had been circulated to Members with the Agenda. Although the Appeal against refusal of P/99/00001 is still with the Inspector, the applicants have now submitted a revised Application, with an explanatory Design Report, without awaiting the outcome. The latest Application is essentially for the same number and design of dwellings as before. The changes appear to be simply cosmetic.

It was agreed that this Application should be opposed on the same grounds as before, essentially that the project is out of scale with the Hall itself and with other developments on Hall Drive and that the access arrangements are unacceptable. The Applicants contention that this scheme will generate less and better behaved traffic than will the scheme originally permitted was considered contentious and unproven.

10 MILLENNIUM

There is now an overall profit of £117.51 on **The Millennium Book** with a trickle of sales continuing. An appreciative letter from the Leicestershire Record Office was read and it was agreed to supply a copy to the County Council Libraries and Information Service at their request.

Capitol Stone expect to commence the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** restoration in March, after the worst of the winter weather, and to take about 10/14 days. The Borough Council have confirmed a Historic Building Grant of £ 386.00 towards the restoration.

Mrs Saunders advised that no Borough grant will be available towards the **Children's Tea Party** as the policy is not to award grants for parties or associated entertainment.

The Tree Warden, Paul Sutton, advises that the Primary School has planted 200 acorns in pots, for replanting in front of St Andrew's Church, by arrangement with Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe.

11 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. Tactics for the meeting with Mr Kuziara next month were discussed. An outline Agenda will be prepared and a handout for the meeting with the essential statistics. After a short summary by the Chairman and showing of the recent video, Mr Kuziara will be invited to comment. It is felt that it will be best if he can be persuaded to show his hand at an early stage so that the debate can be focussed on the positive as well as addressing any perceived shortcomings in his position.

The initial requirement, as previously agreed, is for measures to reduce the volume of traffic, particularly HGV's through Burton. Only if/when Mr Kuziara indicates that this is not negotiable will measures to reduce speed be discussed, as an interim measure although volume reduction will remain our ultimate goal. Effective speed reduction measures are perceived to include mini roundabouts at the the eastern end of the village and some measure to reduce speed, including outbound vehicles, to the west.

Notices will be displayed throughout Burton inviting residents to attend in good numbers. The Meeting will be brought forward to 7 p.m. to allow full discussion of this and other matters.

Local Transport Plan Seminar, Loughborough Town Hall.

Mr Topham reported briefly on this event which he attended with the Clerk.

Local Bus Service. A letter from Kinchbus was read, offering little hope for improved bus services to and from Loughborough and little apparent understanding of the perceived problems. They do however offer to meet with us and this will followed up at the February meeting when Mr Holden of the County Council will also be invited to attend.

Signpost, Stanford Lane, Cotes. The County Northern Division at Melton Mowbray now advise that Mr Brogden at County Hall is dealing with this. He will be pursued.

Junction of Seymour Road and Brook Street, Burton. It was noted that right of way misunderstandings occur at this junction, outside the Post Office, where there are no road markings. The County will be asked to make suitable arrangements.

Footpath, Barrow Road to Springfield Close. Mr Topham noted that this path is slippery and dangerous underfoot, particularly at the Barrow Road end and this will be reported.

12 POULTRY FARM

Miss Green advises that the first cycle since the Skov system was installed is now ending. Padley's have installed their own monitoring system and data will be sent to the Public Examiner at Wanlip. The Borough Council are coordinating their data capture to the same timetable.

This first cycle was useful only for testing and setting up equipment. The second cycle should give the first real indication of the success or otherwise of the measures taken, although the winter months are not the best to judge neighbours reactions. Members noted that some smell had occurred during the first cycle.

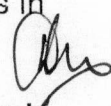
13 ENVIRONMENT

Street Cleansing. An interim verbal reply has been received to our recent comments.

Tree Preservation Orders. Mr Buckingham visited Hall Drive yesterday when he saw both the elms and the recently identified Lime. He is starting the necessary procedures to obtain Tree Preservation Orders. He confirmed that, because of shortage of time/resources, Charnwood only initiate the procedure when trees are perceived to be under threat. In the present case, the proposed developments at Burton Hall were the trigger.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Councillor Shields had been unable to attend, but sent word via the Clerk that the Borough Council appear to be experiencing problems in enforcing their Order against the Estate. The boundary wall is not thought to form part of the curtilage of the Hall. He is in contact with Andrew Bamber to seek progress.

Granger & Co



Overhanging tree, near Old School House, Loughborough Road, Burton. The Chairman noted that this tree, overhanging from Prestwold Estate, is becoming dangerous. Mrs Goodman offered to take this up with the County Council.

Environment Agency Flood Warning Information Meetings. The Agency invite nominations to attend future meetings. Mrs Saunders volunteered and the Clerk will ask Mrs Spicer whether she would like to be nominated.

14 FINANCIAL

The new Bank Mandate was signed by those Members present. The Clerk will obtain the signatures of the two absent Members and lodge with the Bank.

The Precept for next year is required by 25th January and the Clerk will prepare Outturn Accounts and a Budget for discussion at the next meeting, prior to fixing the Precept.

Powergen have been asked to reimburse £274.40 credit balance on the Village Hall Budget Plan.

A C E Engineering Insurance (Cornhill) have finally clarified the Playground cover and it was agreed to continue with this insurance.

15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	247.27
G & J Lambert	maintenance	120.00
PricewaterhouseCoopers	audit	290.81
Charles Lowe & Sons	war memorial	825.00
SLCC	subscription	41.00
Stuart Westmorland	television (postman)	380.00
Wheelers	crystal (postman)	351.00

16 MISCELLANEOUS

Neighbourhood Watch. The Chairman had received a letter from Mr John Saunders, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator seeking clarification of the relationship between the Parish Council and this organisation. It was agreed that the Council will, as before, run off photocopies on the Council machine free of charge. Runs of several hundred are beyond the capacity of



this machine but the Council will meet the commercial costs of such larger runs as may from time to time be necessary for Neighbourhood Watch business.

Retirement of Burton on the Wolds Postman, Dave Cooper. The very popular Postman retires at Christmas after 18 years near continuous service. Following the last meeting, Mrs Saunders instigated a collection with the help of other Members and this has now reached £ 828.50. The Chairman has liaised with Mrs Cooper and, as a result, a television/video and set of Waterford Crystal Decanter and goblets have been purchased from the proceeds. These will be handed over, together with a cheque for the balance, at a surprise party to be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st December. All villagers will be invited and it was agreed that the Council will fund the cost of wine and refreshments on this occasion. The Village Hall have 40 wine glasses available and the Clerk will obtain further supplies from supermarket free loan sources. The Loughborough Echo will be invited to cover the presentation.

Peer Review of Charnwood Borough Council. The Clerk had been invited to and had attended a Seminar at Rothley organised by the Improvement and Development Agency.

17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Traffic through Burton - with a strong request for attendance at the next Meeting - Poultry Farm, Bus Services and the Postman's retirement.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th November 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 12th October 1999, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Carol Singing on 14th December. Although the Carol Singers will be using the main hall, it is hoped to start the next meeting in the Committee Room promptly at 7.30 p.m.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

There has still been no response from Mr McWilliam, the County Rights of Way Promotions Officer and the Clerk will contact him before the next meeting. Mrs Saunders has established that, although there is no problem in dispensing with the stile at the Wymeswold Lane end of I 3, Tom Hubbard intends to graze sheep in his field next Spring and is unwilling to remove the stile at the Brook Street end. It was agreed to await further developments.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

Phil Spencer, Vice Chairman of the PFA is arranging sale of the mower but it will probably be a few months before this is completed.

Mrs Saunders advised that the cost of installing the basketball sleeve will be £279 plus VAT, payable in advance. It was agreed that the Council would pay this and treat it as a long term loan to the PFA, terms to be agreed. The cost of cutting the hedge alongside Towles Field will be £ 93.00 and it was agreed that the Council would pay this. In future years this will be incorporated into the Maintenance Contract.

A quotation has been received from Mr P Harrison of £ 300.00 to redecorate the Pavilion, together with £50.00 to repaint the seats, picnic table and garage doors. These items were deferred to the next Meeting when an assessment will be made of costs incurred on behalf of the PFA in the year to date, compared to Budget.

6 VILLAGE HALL

The Second World War Memorial has now been completed and was displayed to the Meeting. Positions for both Boards in the Committee Room were agreed, subject to the approval of the Management Committee. It was agreed that lighting will be needed to show off the Memorials to best advantage and the Clerk will arrange this, following which a date for the unveiling will be fixed.

The Chairman observed that, whilst there are photographs of both Ernest and Percy St Maur in the Committee Room, there is no picture of their brother Algernon, 15th Duke of Somerset who donated the Village Hall in 1909 and was the first Chairman of Burton on the Wolds Parish Council from 1894. It was agreed that the present Duke be approached with a request for a suitable picture.

It is hoped that Mr Sells will carry out his inspection shortly to assess a value for the piece of Mr Harrison's land adjoining the Village Hall.

Mrs Edmonds advised that Mr John Moore of the Rural Community Council had met her and the Clerk and indicated that a 50% grant towards the replacement ceiling would be available. The RCC had contributed towards the cost of kitchen refurbishment and heating in 1992. Mr Moore was most helpful and also advised other possible sources of funds. Estimates are being obtained.

The Clerk will check whether the latest Management Committee Accounts have been received.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The annual contribution from the War Graves Commission towards the upkeep of the Burial Ground, £30, has been received.

8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Mr Topham and the Clerk had met with the Headteacher, Mr John Craig and, as a result, a letter had been sent to the Leader of the Traffic Management Team at County Hall requesting traffic calming measures in Barrow Road, Burton and also layby facilities for school buses.

9 PLANNING

P/99/01933 - Internal Alterations to first floor, Prestwold Hall, Phase 2 (Trustees). Listed Building Consent. There was no objection to this Application, which involves no alterations to the exterior.

P/99/00001 - Conversion of Nursing Home at Burton Hall to four dwellings, formation of garage to existing dwelling and erection of garages and seven detached houses in existing Paddock (Steeple Grange Investments Ltd). The Borough Council advise that the Planning Inspectorate has received an Appeal which will be decided by exchange of written statements and a site visit. It was agreed to write to the Inspector reiterating our objections, with particular reference to traffic concerns.

P/98/01210 - Extensions to detached dwelling for car port and first floor study, bedroom, dressing and shower room, 24 Springfield Close, Burton - resubmission (Mr A Clark). This too has been appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. In this case it was decided that no further comment was necessary.

10 MILLENNIUM

The launch of the Millennium Book has been acclaimed a great success. The Chairman and members paid tribute to its first class appearance and content and resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Barrie Atkinson and his team. Sales to date have been £995.50 (221 copies) and costs amount to £1259.49. Sales are still brisk - 400 copies were printed - and there is little doubt that the project will return a profit.

The Agreement with the Edmondsons for lease of the Lion's Mouth is finally in place, having been countersigned by their Building Society. They have given approval for the works to be carried out by Capitol Stone. The County have approved a Landmark Grant of £2250, their maximum. Application for a further grant has been made to Charnwood Borough and whilst we were not able to follow their quotation procedure precisely, it is hoped that this too will be successful. If it is, the Parish should be left with a cost of only £454, plus the legal fees. Moss Solicitors have sent their bill for £200 plus out of pocket costs and the Council expressed gratitude to Mr Byass for keeping his fee well below commercial rates.

Mrs Saunders advised that application has been made under the 'Awards for All' scheme for a grant towards the cost of booking Bill Brookman for the Children's tea party.

The Clerk has heard from the Tree Warden, Paul Sutton, that Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe has decided not to proceed with the 'Avenue of Trees' project.

11 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. The Chairman has been contacted by Mr Stefan Kuziara, Group Manager - Transport Programmes and Investments on behalf of the Director of Planning and Transportation at County Hall, Ken Arkley. He has agreed to attend our January meeting and it was agreed that tactics would be formulated in December. A good turnout of villagers is needed and all interested parties will be invited including County Councillor Mrs Goodman who has not been active on behalf of the Parish Council in recent times, despite being kept informed of all relevant matters. There have been positive responses from the Police, the Borough Council and Andy Reed MP who were all sent copies of the letter to Mr Arkley. Copies will be circulated to Members in the next 'Round Robin' envelope. The initial reaction by Mr Kuziara to the Chairman was that traffic calming measures are more likely to receive a favourable response than an HGV ban.

A reply from the Paul Castle Consultancy giving a detailed explanation of the 85th percentile theory was read.

Mrs Saunders expressed concern that the summary of traffic volumes published in the 'Link' indicating average six vehicles per minute on weekdays could frighten off house buyers and cautioned against releasing such statistics.

LCC Provisional Local Transport Plan. Mr Topham felt that the most important issue was that of local bus services. It was agreed to write to Kinchbus, copy to the County Council, pointing out that the first buses from Burton to Loughborough are too late and the last bus back is too early. There is to be a meeting at Loughborough Town Hall to discuss the Charnwood aspects of this Plan and it was agreed that Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend. Mrs Edmonds will also attend if possible.

Parking, Seymour Road, Burton. An Assistant Engineer for the County Council has agreed to reduce the yellow lines on the western side of Seymour Road by 10 metres to allow two extra parking spaces. This has been accorded low priority but the Clerk will endeavour to ensure that it is not forgotten.

Signpost, Stanford Lane, Cotes. Mrs Spicer advised that this has still not been replaced. The Clerk will press the matter strongly.

12 POULTRY FARM

Copies of correspondence between the Borough Council (Miss Green) and Mrs J Evans of Hall Drive, Burton were read. There is no indication as yet whether the new ventilating system is operational. Councillor Shields advised that monitoring data previously collected by Mr Abell had inadvertently been wiped off the Borough computer. The dish is being reinstalled.

13 ENVIRONMENT

Street Cleansing. A number of inaccuracies in the specification received from the Borough will be reported to them.

Prestwold Estate Liaison Meeting. Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended this meeting on 13th October and a report had been circulated to Members.

Tree Preservation Orders. Again there has been no response from Chris Buckingham. Mr Paul Sutton advised the Clerk that he had been told by Mr Buckingham that no new TPO's would be issued except for trees directly threatened. This was felt to be unsatisfactory and Councillor Shields is not aware that it is official policy. The Clerk will write to Mr Buckingham seeking clarification.

Bus Shelter, Melton Road/Sowters Lane, Burton. This has been treated by Peter Harrison at a cost of £25.

Obstructions to Highway. Neither the trees overhanging Melton Road from 4 Hall Drive nor the tree from 11 Loughborough Road masking the street light in the Mundy Close entry have been attended to despite verbal requests and the matters will now be referred to the County Council.

Permit to Tip. New arrangements for deliveries to County Council waste and recycling sites were advised.

Spillage of water from new building, 10 Loughborough Road, Burton. Mr Topham advised that this is still occurring. Councillor Shields advised that he had reported it and would do so again.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Nothing has yet been done. Councillor Shields believes that the notice period expires end November.

14 FINANCIAL

There was a nett increase in funds of £846.14 in the last month, taking the Current Account balance to £5455.89. The cricket club contribution to maintenance, £300.00, was paid. The Bank signatories need to be changed by the deletion of Mr Oakland and replacement by Mr Sharpe. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

The audit has been completed and copies of the Balance Sheet etc exhibited on Notice Boards as required. Three recommendations have been made, two concerning treatment of VAT and one concerning review of charges for the playing field etc. It was agreed to respond accepting the VAT recommendations but pointing out that charges for the playing field are the responsibility of the PFA Committee.

15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	269.38
Quorn Repro	printing Millennium book	1055.00
Castle Consultancy	traffic survey	293.75
P Harrison	sealing bus shelter	25.00
Moss Solicitors	Lion's Mouth	292.50
G & L Lambert	Maintenance	58.50
EBBA	basketball sleeve	327.83

16 MISCELLANEOUS

25 Years of Change in Charnwood. A request for material for this publication has been received and the Clerk will respond appropriately.

17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Traffic through Burton, the School Traffic problems, Millennium Book, War Memorial and Parking in Seymour Road. A request that residents secure their green bin bags to prevent contents blowing about will also be included.

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1 APOLOGIES

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2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

No response has yet been received to the letter sent to Mr McWilliam following the last meeting.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

G & L Lambert have confirmed that they are prepared to use their own mower for cutting the field in futures seasons. It was agreed in the circumstances to sell our gang mower, as is. Mr Phil Spencer, Vice Chairman of the PFA has a potential buyer and will be contacted.

Mrs Saunders advised that a lottery funded bid for a vandal proof basketball goal net valued at £1000 from the English Basketball Association has been successful. There will be a cost of £325 for a concrete sleeve which the PFA will fund.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe have indicated that the War Memorial should be ready for the end of this month. It was agreed to hold an unveiling ceremony on or around 11th November to which relatives of those named will be invited. The Chairman estimates that these number around a dozen still in the vicinity and the Clerk will liaise with him in setting this up.

The Chairman has spoken to Mr D Harrison about his land adjoining the proposed Wildlife Garden. He appears to be willing to make a small piece available to complete the Garden but has asked for an independent assessment of the land value. It is believed that James Sells of Garden Cottage, Prestwold Hall is qualified to make such an assessment and Mr Moyle will contact him.

The Management Committee are arranging to pay the invoice from the County Council for the safety barrier and are in touch with the Borough regarding their contribution.

Mrs Pickford advised that the recent Wine and Wisdom Evening had been a great success, raising over £300. The next event will be a Gourmet Safari Supper. Mrs Edmonds advised that as part of the upgrading process it is intended to replace the existing crockery shortly and this will be followed by the furniture. Mr Topham mentioned that grants are available from the Leicestershire Community Council and the Management Committee will look into these.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The heavy wooden gates of the burial ground were stolen over two nights, 27th and 28th September. Mr Philip White of the Parochial Church Council was advised and he reported the matter to the Police. He advises that replacement gates may not be replicas. It is not clear whether the PCC had the gates insured. Mrs Saunders believes that the replacement cost could be around £1500.

8 PLANNING

P/99/00856 Green Meadow Ltd, Wymeswold Industrial Park. Following the decision to oppose this application, a response has been received from the County Council indicating that they are recommending refusal on highway safety grounds. Councillor Shields advised that the application has not come before Committee yet as there has been no response to a request for further information.

P/99/01672 - proposed use of part of building at Oaklands Nurseries, Melton Road, Burton for preparation of Timber Buildings. This application had had a response deadline of 7th October

and since no structural alterations were involved the Chairman had deemed it uncontroversial and no objection was raised.

P/99/01847 - proposed two storey garage and bedroom extension to side of bungalow, 7 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr A Warren). It was felt that this application had arisen as a result of the Borough Council's recent decision to allow a two storey extension at No. 4, the first of its kind in Hall Drive. It was decided to oppose it as the Parish Council had done on the previous occasion, noting that that extension had been amended so as not to increase the overall height.

'Probity in Planning' A Code of Practice with this title has been received from the Borough and will be circulated. Of particular interest is a section which advises that up to two representatives of a Parish Council may attend at site inspections and shall be invited to comment and explain any concerns, objections or views.

9 **MILLENNIUM**

Mr Topham requested that Millennium projects should be costed and a budget agreed. This did not imply criticism of any particular scheme. Mrs Edmonds felt that a management approach should be taken and priorities established. Mrs Saunders believed that adequate funds were available for likely expenditure.

Mrs Saunders advised that a booklet covering legal aspects and regulations is available at £3.50 and it was agreed to purchase a copy. She will supply the Clerk with details

Lion's Mouth Fountain. It was agreed to accept an Estimate from Capitol Stone of Ruddington of £3,090.00 + VAT for comprehensive restoration of the fountain. Their quotation dated 12th October was read and appears to address all issues. Applications for grants will now be formulated.

Millennium Book. Mrs Pickford confirmed that everything is in hand for the launch on 23rd October when the Chairman will perform the opening ceremony.

PFA Childrens Tea Party. Mrs Saunders advised that they would like to book Bill Brookman, an internationally known childrens entertainer for this event. His fee would be £800 for a half hour session before the tea and a participating event after it. He has a high reputation and it is felt that his presence would add enormously to the attraction and success of the tea party. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that the Council donate an additional £800 to book Mr Brookman.

'Our Sense of Place'. This is the title of a County Council Millennium project and details will be circulated.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Traffic Survey by The Paul Castle Agency has now been received and copies circulated, together with a summary. Clarification is required and has been requested in respect of the 85 percentile speed readings but the volume figures, which were the prime requirement of the survey, are clear and confirm the upward trend in traffic overall through the village and the high numbers of heavy goods vehicles. Mrs Saunders has more detailed comparative figures for 1992 and will pass these over to the Clerk. The Clerk will now prepare a letter, to be signed by the Chairman, addressed to Mr Arkley, Director of Planning & Transportation at County Hall, requesting a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the unacceptable traffic levels in Burton with a view to finding solutions. Copies will be sent to Charnwood Borough, the Police at Quorn, Andy Reed MP, our County and Borough Councillors and the CPRE. An agenda and strategy is to be drawn up when the date is fixed.

Mr Topham reported constant water spilling over the footway in Loughborough Road, Burton, where a new house is being built. Councillor Shields undertook to raise the matter with the Planning Department.

LCC Provisional Local Transport Plan. This weighty document has been received and will be circulated in order that a response can be drawn up at the next meeting. The Clerk has extracted a number of issues as a basis for discussion. Mr Topham had expressed concern about the bus service to Loughborough and this is amongst the issues highlighted.

A response from the Divisional Engineer advises that he will give further consideration to the state of the footway in Prestwold when preparing his programme for the next financial year.

The concrete bollards at the Melton Road end of Huntingdon Close, which had been knocked down, have now been replaced by the County.

The County have been asked to reduce the length of double yellow lines in Seymour Road, following further incidents where residents have been issued with parking fines.

Mr Topham advised that the Primary School Governors are concerned about speeding on Barrow Road. It was suggested that they should contact the Police and agreed that a letter should be sent to the Highway authority requesting traffic calming at the Barrow Road approach to Burton. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Topham and the Headmaster before sending this letter.

11 POULTRY FARM

The six months notice period to the Owners/Operators expires on 13th January next. However, Councillor Shields was able to advise that the 'Skov' units for the older houses have already arrived on site, these houses are presently empty and it is expected that installation will be complete by the end of this month. Agreement has been reached on testing arrangements.

12 ENVIRONMENT

The new Street Cleansing specification and frequencies were received from the Borough earlier today. They will be circulated.

The next Prestwold Estate liaison meeting is tomorrow. Mrs Pickford is unavailable and Mr Topham will deputise. She advises that the helicopter noise is still intrusive although they are not low flying over the immediate vicinity and the tyre squeal is still present. Andrew Bamber has advised the Clerk that it is now intended to erect a 20 ft bund wall at the Burton end of the runway, instead of the previously suggested straw bales. This would involve cutting back some hawthorn which would then be replanted. He asked for the Council's support for this cutting back/replanting, to smooth the way with the Borough planners and this was agreed. Mr Moyle advised that Vibracoustics of Prestwold have been asked to give an opinion on the effectiveness of such a noise bund.

Andrew Bamber professes to have no knowledge of the Sunday HGV training on the airfield adjacent to Prestwold but will investigate.

Mr Peter Harrison has quoted £6 per hour for resealing the bus shelter at Melton Road/Sowters Lane, estimating that 2/2.5 hours will be required, plus about £10 for material at cost. This was accepted.

The residents of 4 Hall Drive, Burton have been asked to cut back the bushes overhanging Melton Road

A complaint has been received that the lamp standard in the alley leading from Somerset Close to Loughborough Road, Burton is masked by branches and the residents of 11 Loughborough Road have agreed to have the tree cut back.

A detailed reply from the Environmental Officer at East Midlands Airport was read. The problems experienced in the summer are attributed to unusually frequent easterly winds which mean some aircraft overfly this area following takeoff. A number of night cargo flights are by Boeing 727 aircraft which are amongst the noisiest still flying. Their rate of climb is less than for more modern aircraft, hence they are lower and noisier when climbing out. The operators are progressively replacing these 727's and the Airport back this.

Details were given of a basket of noise abatement measures which the airport propose and are discussing with North West Leicestershire District Council.

A Rural Services Questionnaire from the County will be circulated for comments by Councillors individually.

It was noted that a length of hedge alongside Loughborough Road in Burton Bandalls has been grubbed up. It appears that this is a requirement of the Highway authority to provide sight lines at the entrance to the Natural Burial Ground.

So far Chris Buckingham has not returned calls regarding the Tree Preservation Order discussed last time. Further efforts will be made and the long outstanding matter of TPO's for the elms in Hall Drive again raised.

Mrs Saunders has received notice of a meeting of the Emergency Services Committee but it was felt that attendance was not worthwhile.

13 FINANCIAL

The second precept instalment, £3500.00, has now been received.

The half yearly Financial Statement and Comparison to Budget was issued to members, with explanations of variances.

Mrs Saunders pointed out that the Cricket Club should be invoiced for their share of the Playing Field maintenance costs

14 CHEQUES

A cheque issued on 23rd June to Mrs Saunders for £5.41 for photocopying the footpath map during the summer recess was authorised.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	220.41
Viking Direct	photocopier toner	96.29

15 MISCELLANEOUS

The Chairman reported on the visit by Andy Reed MP on 4th October when he had spent two hours discussing matters of interest and visiting some of the sites discussed. It was felt that this had been useful and it was pleasing to see the local MP taking an interest in village affairs.

Mrs Pickford suggested that 'School Governor's Report' should be included on future agendas and this was agreed.

Mrs Pickford also advised that Burton Village Carol singing is scheduled for 14th December, the date of a Council Meeting and the main hall will be in use. Councillors are invited to participate from 6.30 for an hour or so and perhaps the meeting could start a little later. This will be considered next month.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Traffic through Burton, Aircraft Noise, Millennium news, Poultry Farm and the MP's visit.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th September 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs M Pickford
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 3rd August, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

July Meeting (Item 17). Mr Topham suggested that in view of the fact that a number of Members had been unavailable for the scheduled August meeting date and given that school holidays now start later, in mid July, there may be a case for taking the annual break in August rather than July. After discussion, it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that this suggestion be adopted but with flexibility, depending on Members' availability in July/August each year.

Council photograph.

A group photograph was taken by Mr Peter Shaw, which will form part of the pack of Minutes etc to be handed over to the Wolds Historical Society for their Millennium commemoration.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Graham Lambert took two and a half hours to clear the Brook Street/ Wymeswold Lane path which, at his quoted £9 per hour, equates to £45 per mile.

Mrs Saunders had met Mr McWilliam, the County Rights of Way Promotions Officer on 10th September at which he requested that a letter be sent with a map highlighting the paths we wish to maintain with estimated costs. He expects that this will be approved. Details of other required actions were supplied and will be attended to.

5 PLAYING FIELD/ PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that a grant of £2,000 was received for surfacing the area adjacent to the play wall and this work went ahead immediately. There is a balance of £360 which the PFA will fund.

The path across the field will not now be going ahead, as no sufficient grants from other sources have been forthcoming. The £2,000 offered by the Parish Council in January will thus not now be required. Mr Moyle advised that Hoton had got a path to the Church installed free of charge by Army volunteers. He will check details to see whether similar services can be provided for the PFA.

The PFA have surveyed all facilities as a result of which various remedial works are needed, e.g. two tons sand for the seesaw pit, wood preservative for various items of play equipment etc. They request £500 from the Parish Council towards this work. Their Annual Accounts have been supplied. Estimates for these works were requested before a decision is given.

The Chairman noted press reports that Wymeswold have received £129k in grants for their Village Hall, Bowling Green etc. and speculated that such funds might be available for projects in our parishes. It was noted that matching funding usually needs to be raised locally in such cases.

David Upton estimates that £700, including £450 for regrounding the blades, will be needed to put the gang mower back in good order. It will be possible to get the work done by students at Brooksby College through the good offices of Mr Phil Spencer for half that amount. It costs approx £230 additional for Graham Lambert to use his own gang mower on the playing field and this may be a better option than risking further heavy repair bills over time. It was agreed to check first whether Mr Lambert is prepared to use his own mower on an ongoing basis. It is estimated that our mower would fetch about £500, as is.

It was agreed that a letter from the Borough Council offering funds for specific activities had no application for us.

6 VILLAGE HALL

The War Memorial should be received back by Charles Lowe from the engraver this week. It then needs to be gilded and polished and should be complete in about a month.

Mrs Pickford reported that the Wildlife Garden proposal had been favourably received by the Committee and they have submitted their thoughts on further progress in writing. The Chairman will see Mr David Harrison, the occupier of the adjacent house regarding the part of his garden which could be incorporated into the project. Once that has been resolved, the Millennium sub-committee can meet with the Hall Management Committee.

A letter from the Arts Officer of the Borough Council regarding local touring performances for next year was passed over to the Management Committee but in view of disappointment with this year's project which has had to be cancelled, it was decided to respond in the negative.

Two quotations have so far been received for the paved area. Mrs Edmonds advised that a 'Wine and Wisdom' Quiz will be held on 25th September and invited support.

An invoice for £408.55 has now been received from the County for installation of the pedestrian barrier at the roadside. A substantial part of this should be recoverable from the Borough, who required creation of the ramp with which it is associated, and Mrs Edmonds will attend to this.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The landscaping of the barrier at the Allotment car park has now been Completed and Mr Moyle was thanked for arranging this free of cost.

8 PLANNING

Four applications had required response before the date of this meeting and the Chairman had authorised the following replies, having consulted other members where appropriate:

P/99/01403 - proposed erection of single storey extension for swimming pool etc at The Cedars, 5 The Willows, Burton (Mr & Mrs Lightfoot)

P/99/01429 - proposed erection of porch and conservatory to rear of 44 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Howkins)

P/99/01490 - proposed erection of garage to side and extension to rear of bungalow at 38 Springfield Close, Burton, Mr & Mrs P Sutton)

P/99/01491 - proposed erection of garage and utility extension to side of bungalow at 40 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr A Upton).

No objections had been raised to any of these applications.

P/99/00856 - proposed erection of two buildings for storage of plant and machinery and agricultural products at Wymeswold Industrial Park (Green Meadow Ltd) - it was noted that this sizable

project involves 4000 sq. metres of buildings with 94 car parking spaces and nine loading doors yet the applicants claim that there will be only three vehicular movements per day. It was decided to oppose the application on traffic grounds since so few movements are inconceivable with a project of this scale. The County Council are to be advised of our opposition and Wymeswold Parish Council asked for their support.

9 MILLENNIUM

The craftsmen recommended by Mr Michael White of the County Council, Laurel Bank Forge of Hinckley, have just advised that they are so busy that they cannot come out to look at the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** before November. Mr White is endeavouring to locate a suitable alternative and Mr Moyle will also make enquiries. Moss Solicitors advise that the Lease Agreement is now awaiting counter-signature by the Edmondson's Building Society.

Mrs Pickford advised that the Millennium Book project is near completion and the Village Hall has been booked for the launch on 23rd October. Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA will be organising a Children's tea party/picnic on their usual Midsummer Fete date for about 150 village children, with a beer tent and barbecue to follow. It was agreed to donate £500 towards this event.

Mr Paul Sutton, by invitation, gave details of Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe's proposed Avenue of 200 Trees, following the footpath from Seymour Road through the Prestwold Hall Estate and presented a paper indicating initial planting costs of £669.75 with annual maintenance costs of just over £1,000 thereafter, rising with inflation. A landscape grant of 50% should be available from the County. A mixture of native Leicestershire deciduous trees is planned. Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe envisages the path being rerouted cross-field at the front of the Hall but Members felt that this would need official sanction which can be a long drawn out process. It was felt that more information is needed before the Parish Council can become involved.

Mr Topham advised that the local Cooper Bussmann firm had donated £1500 to the Primary School for a Millennium extension to the Playground and Science Garden and the Council welcomed this excellent example of business support for the community.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Paul Castle Consultancy will carry out the one week traffic survey next week and the report should be ready for the next meeting.

Mr Lorimer of the County Engineers advises that instructions to reinstate the cats' eyes in Burton have been issued and that he has reminded those concerned about the missing signpost in Cotes. The issue of reinstating the red warning strips in Burton has been referred to County Hall as there is doubt about the deterrent value of these strips. The footway in Prestwold will

be inspected shortly. A 'slurry seal' is being applied to the footway alongside Prestwold Hall Estate which is as much as they can do whilst the perimeter wall is in its present state of disrepair.

A letter regarding the Tuesday motor cycle problems from Inspector Boulton, the Quorn LPU Commander was read, giving details of measures undertaken by the Police in conjunction with the management of the Six Hills International Hotel.

A letter from the Borough Council regarding Rural Cycle Parking was read but it was felt that there was no demand for such a facility in our villages. Mrs Saunders presented a draft document from the County Council entitled 'Managing Speed - a Countywide Strategy' and the Clerk will copy and circulate this to members.

The Chairman advised that, in the absence of a local volunteer, Traffic Wardens from Loughborough now man the School Crossing point outside the Village Hall. On at least one occasion a parking ticket was issued to a local resident parking on double yellow lines in Seymour Road.

11 POULTRY FARM

Nothing to report. Although it is not expected that there will be any further developments before the end of the year when the six month notice period expires, it was decided to leave this as an Agenda item each month.

12 ENVIRONMENT

The travellers at Cotes were evicted on 9th August and the site has been sealed off by the County Council.

The Clerk reported that the apparently abandoned car reported in Seal Close had gone shortly after the last meeting and no action was taken. There is now a burnt out car in Back Lane, Cotes and this will be reported.

A written report from the Clerk on his attendance at a Borough Refuse Collection/Street Cleansing meeting had been circulated. It was agreed that carriageway sweeping would be better carried every six weeks rather than every twelve, whereas emptying litter bins twice weekly (the declared standard, though it is not adhered to) should be reduced to weekly.

At the request of the Council, Mr Paul Sutton gave a short report on his activities as Tree warden. He has not been as active as he would like as he has been working in London during the week and will now be doing the same for six months in Leeds. Nevertheless he has made progress with his survey, in Burton first. He has recently identified a 200/250 year old Lime, just off Hall Drive, in Tom Brown's field. The Clerk will approach Chris Buckingham at the Borough Council for a Tree Preservation Order, at the same time checking out past issues which do not seem to have been finalised. Although Mr Sutton offered to stand down if the Council feel he is not doing enough, the Chairman assured him, on behalf of the Council, that his efforts are appreciated and they wish him to continue. He was thanked for his Report.

Mrs Saunders recommended that the Bus Shelter at Sowters Lane be treated with wood preservative and the Clerk will check whether Mr Peter Harrison would like to take this on. She also advised that trees/bushes are overhanging Melton Road from a property in Hall Drive and the occupier will be asked to attend to this.

Mr Moyle advised that HGV training vehicles have reappeared on the Hall Estate on Sunday mornings and this will be reported to Andrew Granger.

Mrs Pickford advised that noise from aircraft using East Midlands Airport has been intrusive at night during the summer and a protest will be lodged.

13 FINANCIAL

The half year summary will be presented at the next meeting.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	227.20
G & J Lambert	maintenance	305.00
Cornhill Insurance	village hall	362.57
Viking Direct	inkjets, paper	96.23
C P R E	subscription	17.50

15 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter from the County Council offering 50% grants for bus shelters was noted.

Andy Reed MP has asked to discuss local issues on a village tour and it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will meet with him on 4th October at 2 p.m. for this purpose.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the traffic survey, allotment car park, Millennium Book, motor cycle nuisance, aircraft noise and the Cooper Bussmann gift to the Primary School.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 3rd August 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been brought forward one week to ensure a representative attendance, several members being unable to attend on 10th August. An apology was received from Mrs Edmonds (holiday), who would also have been unable to attend on the 10th August.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 8th June, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman after deleting 'Maureen Fletcher' and substituting 'Maureen Slatcher' in Item 4.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Item 15 - The Tree Warden, Mr Paul Sutton, was unfortunately unable to attend due to the change of date but hopes to be present in September.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Mrs Saunders passed over a report covering the condition of the most walked paths which will be sent on to the County Council as a basis for a Partnership Agreement. She feels that these paths should be cleared twice each year, in May and August. Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has cleared paths on the Prestwold Estate. It was agreed to ask Graham Lambert to clear the Brook Street, Burton to Wymeswold Lane footpath at Parish Council expense, at his quoted rate of £9 per hour. Once it is known how long this has taken it will be easier to compare to the County grants which are based on distance, not time.

A letter had been received from Mr Michael Gilbert of Barrow upon Soar regarding the 15 footpath from Barrow towards Cotes Mill. This path officially ends short of the A60 at Cotes and efforts are being made to establish the existence of a right of way over the missing section. Members were unable to provide any evidence of this and it was left to individuals to support the petition being organised in Barrow should they so wish.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that the Midsummer Fete had made about £400 and was well supported. For Millennium year it is proposed to combine a tea with the fete, for all three parishes. She asked that the Council should offer financial support and it was agreed to look at this along with other Millennium projects.

There are continuing problems with the gang mower and it was agreed to ask David Upton to check it over. The Clerk was authorised to sanction repairs not exceeding £150 without further reference to the Council.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford had nothing to report, the Management Committee having not met since our last meeting.

The Council examined plans and sketches for landscaping the Hall surrounds received from Claire Emberson of the Borough Council, following her visit along with Mr Simon Jones of Charnwood Wildlife. These ideas were well received and it was agreed to pass the proposals over to the Management Committee via Mrs Pickford for their views prior to progressing the matter further.

Work on the War Memorial is now in hand with Charles Lowe & Sons.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ ALLOTMENTS

Mr Moyle hopes to have a machine available to commence work on the allotments barrier shortly.

Ten plots have been let for this year producing revenue of £200. The Allotment Society had advertised locally in an attempt to let the vacant plots.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two applications had been received with response deadlines before this meeting and dealt with by the Chairman, after making appropriate consultations:

P/99/01091 - proposed extension to front for double garage and to rear for family room at 60 Barrow Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs P Willmot). No objection.

P/99/00645 - amended proposal for first floor extension to bungalow for bedrooms, bathroom and conservatory at 4 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr D Allen). The Parish Council had objected to the original application on 12th May and it was felt that although an effort had been made to reduce the impact of this first floor addition, the original grounds for objection remained and the Borough had been advised accordingly. Councillor Shields was able to advise that the application has since been before Committee and approved with Conditions, including no increase in overall height.

The Following new applications were considered:

P/99/01366 - proposed conservatory to rear of 6 St Marys Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Brown). No objection.

P/99/01337 - variation of Condition 5 of P/97/00687 to permit use of parkland at Prestwold Hall for a 4 x 4 off road vehicle course for a further three year period to 25/9/2002 (Trustees of Prestwold Settlement and Everyman Country Pursuits). The Council had objected, strongly but unsuccessfully, to the original application which was part of a larger package and it was agreed to again oppose this proposed extension on the same grounds. This particular course has not so far been constructed.

Street Naming Procedure. Advice had been received from the Borough that , since it has been established that developers have the right to designate street names, a new procedure is needed and they propose such a procedure in which Parish Councils will be asked for recommendations to be placed before developers. It was agreed that this is the best that can be done in the circumstances.

9 MILLENNIUM

Following the last meeting, Mr Edmondson called on the Clerk to resolve two minor points. A letter reassuring him was written and he confirms that he has now signed the Final Agreement. Applications to the County and to the Borough for grants have been made and the County will provide names of recommended craftsmen.

Mrs Pickford advised that 200+ entries for the Millennium Book have been returned out of 400 households. The deadline for return is now 25th August. The Book will be launched at the Village Hall on a Saturday, either 16th or 23rd October and the Chairman agreed to speak and to provide a foreword to the Book. The price will be under £5 per copy. The Council may be asked for a bridging loan to cover expenses incurred before publication.

There is no progress to report as yet with Muggins Pottery.

Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has raised with the Tree Warden a scheme for an avenue of 200 trees to be planted alongside the footpath crossing the Prestwold Estate from Seymour Road, Burton to the Church and Mr Sutton will give more details next month.

It was agreed that all these schemes, together with suggestions from the PFA and Village Hall Management Committee will need to be costed and approved within the context of an overall Millennium budget.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Leicestershire Constabulary have recommended that we contact direct The Paul Castle Consultancy of Deddington, Oxfordshire, to whom they sub-contract traffic data monitoring. The Consultancy have quoted £250 to carry this out in Burton for one week commencing 17th September. They will produce a printout by the hour and by the day showing total volume with a split for HGV and buses, and speeds. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried unanimously that this be accepted.

The signpost at Stanford Lane, Cotes has still not been replaced although Mr Lorimer was reminded of this on 2nd July. There is damage to the Industrial Estate sign at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane, Burton and this will be reported.

Mrs Spicer had advised that the proposed 30 mph speed restriction through Cotes had been well received by residents and the County Council have been advised accordingly.

Mr Moyle again observed that the footway recently renewed in Prestwold is in poor condition and the Clerk will follow this up.

The Chairman commented that the noise and speed of motor cycles through Burton, particularly on Tuesdays, has again become a major problem and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Police to take appropriate action.

Councillor Shields gave details of steps which the Borough Council has taken to insist that the Prestwold Estate wall is repaired.

11 POULTRY FARM

Letters from Mr Sharpe to the Chief Executive of Charnwood Borough dated 13th July and a response from the Director of Corporate and Environmental Services dated 29th July had been previously circulated to Councillors, as had the Director's letter to Residents of the same date. Mr Sharpe's letter relayed his findings from responses to his Questionnaire distributed in the 'Saints' roads and expressed criticism of the Borough Council's performance

over the issue. The reply refuted these criticisms and stated that the management agreement between the three parties had been signed on 13th July. The letter to residents summarised the main points of the Agreement.

The Chairman expressed his concern that Mr Sharpe had not reported back to the Council. He had not been authorised to communicate direct with the Borough. All correspondence should be undertaken by the Clerk.

Mr Sharpe then handed the Clerk a further letter which he had sent to the Chief Executive earlier in the day, in response to that from the Director of Corporate and Environmental Services. He believed that he had the agreement of the Clerk to send the original letter after discussing the issues with the Chairman. He had not been able to have this discussion due to holidays.

The Clerk agreed that a discussion had taken place but confirmed that he had recommended Mr Sharpe to discuss the issues with the Chairman. He does not have the authority to sanction such correspondence.

A discussion followed in which Mr Topham said he could not endorse the views expressed in Mr Sharpe's letters. Asked to comment from his knowledge of the matter at Borough level, Councillor Shields confirmed that the Agreement had been signed at the end of a long negotiating process and that Mr Sharpe's letter had had no bearing on the outcome.

Summarising, the Chairman welcomed the Agreement which is now in force and reminded the meeting that the delay in reaching this point has been due to the tactics of the Owners and Operators, not to any lack of effort by the Borough Council. He again made it clear that Mr Sharpe, and indeed all Councillors, must not act without authority of the Council. If members of the Council wish to pursue issues in a private capacity, they are of course free to do so but must make it clear that such is the case.

The Owners/Operators have six months in which to implement the requirements of the Agreement which will need to be closely monitored as there can be no certainty that the measures adopted will be completely successful. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Director of Corporate & Environmental Services thanking the Borough for their efforts and reminding them of the need to monitor following implementation.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers at Cotes. Following various moves and countermoves by the County Council and by Solicitors representing the travellers, instructions to evict have been issued to the Sheriff's Office and bailiffs should go in later this week. Some of the travellers have already moved off, to Seagrave. The Clerk will notify Burton Common frontagers once the date is confirmed, so that they can be vigilant.

Travellers on Burton Common. A family moved on to land to the east of Horse Leys Farm on 4th July, but having been issued with a copy of the still current Eviction Order by the Clerk, moved off next day.

Airfield Noise Problems. Mrs Pickford reported on a meeting held at Prestwold Hall on 23rd June, notes on which had been circulated with the Minutes. This had proved constructive and should lead to better communication and less nuisance. Mr Moyle confirmed that his firm had been commissioned by the Estate to construct an earth noise bund.

Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe had since telephoned to advise that helicopters had been in use on 10th July but had operated from a hollow at the Wymeswold end of the airfield. Members confirmed that no complaints had been received on that occasion.

Marie Curie event on Prestwold Airfield. Following the meeting above, the Clerk had been approached by a representative of the fund to ask whether the Council would oppose a proposed Ladies Driving Challenge on Sunday 3rd October. Since they needed an early response, members had been approached individually for their views and a majority had voted against it. This had been conveyed to the charity.

Abandoned Cars in Burton. The car in the layby off Melton Road has now been removed. An Elector present advised that another car appears to have been abandoned at the end of Seals Close. This will be reported.

Seymour Road/Somerset Close Alleyway, Burton. The Housing Contractor Division of the Borough Council have advised that they will arrange clearance of this alleyway. They are also dealing with a Council tenant who has allowed the garden to become overgrown.

13 FINANCIAL

All records are currently with the auditors so no financial statements were presented. It has taken until today for the Natwest Bank to properly correct the transfer error reported at the last meeting and to credit the Council with the correct interest. It was agreed to write to the Bank expressing concern.

The Chairman advised that the NALC now recommend that Clerk's salaries increase by 3% backdated to 1st April. There is also a recommended increase in car mileage allowance from 44.1 to 44.8p per mile (1.6%). The Clerk also has sufficient service to move from SCP 17 to 18 and this, with the 3% increase, equates to a further £8.35 per month. He proposed that in view of the Clerk's satisfactory service this increase be implemented and this was seconded by Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously.

The monthly charge for electricity supply to the Playing Field has been increased from £6.00 to £7.50 from August.



14 CHEQUES

Approval was given for the following payments which were made during the July break:

Duke of Somerset's Estates - legal fees, travellers	63.66
Peberdy's of Loughborough - painting 3 N/Boards	141.00
G & J Lambert - maintenance	265.50

and for the following:

K W Davies - salary/exp. (2 months)	510.02
G & J Lambert - maintenance July	235.50
A C E Eng. Ins. - P/Field inspection	223.02
Moss Solicitors - Lion's Mouth	167.50

15 MISCELLANEOUS

'Round Robin' Procedure. There are still lengthy delays and bunching of envelopes. The Chairman advised that he will initial and date all such material and asks that all members do the same, whilst following the procedure detailed in the last Minutes.

School Governors. A letter from the County Education Department outlines changes whereby after 1st September bodies such as ours will no longer appoint a Governor. Instead the governing body will decide from where they wish to seek nominations and will then ask that body to make one or more nominations from which they will co-opt. Our current nominee (Mr Topham) will however continue to serve his appointed term even if that extends beyond 1st September.

Leicestershire Environmental Action Fund Ltd (LEAF). This organisation has been set up to provide grants funded by Landfill Tax rebates. The proposed landscaping of the Village Hall would appear to qualify for such a grant but the launch of the fund on 14th September coincides with our next Council Meeting. The Clerk will write to register our interest and ask for an application pack to be sent..

L C C Waste Local Plan) Letters on
Borough of Charnwood Purchase Prize) these subjects
L C C County Service) were noted.

Photograph. The Council is supplying the Wolds Historical Society with copies of Minutes for their Millennium project. They have asked for a photograph and Mr Peter Shaw, who was present, will liaise with the Clerk about taking such a photograph, perhaps at the next Council Meeting.



16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Travellers at Cotes, Activities on Wymeswold Airfield, Poultry Farm, Traffic through Burton, 30 Mph limit at Cotes, Footpath Survey and Wildlife Project.

17 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr Topham asked that the holding of a Council Meeting in July be placed on the next Agenda.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'W. J. Topham', is located in the bottom left corner of the page.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th June 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham, from Item 8 (prior attendance at School Governors' meeting)

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 11th May were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered under the various Agenda headings.

4 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Slatcher ← Mrs Saunders advised that the County Council had not responded to the request to clear the Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane path. The Clerk will take this up with Maureen Fletcher at the Melton Mowbray office. Mrs Saunders will liaise with the Clerk shortly about which paths are most suited to being taken under the wing of the Parish Council. Graham Lambert will be invited to quote for maintenance of them.

5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA are still awaiting responses to two grant applications. There has been an outbreak of graffiti on play equipment. Graham Lambert reports continuing problems with the gang mower as a result of which he is using his own at a higher price. Phil Spencer will be

asked to repair the PFA mower, if possible. It was agreed to accept a one-off charge of £22.50 from Graham Lambert for clearing the area around the cricket nets.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the AGM had taken place in May. A water meter has been installed and a new cleaner appointed. The Management Committee have obtained a price of £25 per square metre for paving the surrounds, which Mr Moyle believed to be a reasonable price inclusive of removal of the existing surface. They ask whether the Parish Council would meet one third of the cost, other thirds being met by them and by the Playgroup. This was deferred for consideration under Item 9.

There is considerable interest in the proposed Christmas lighting and a working party has been set up to investigate this. The Clerk will advise Mrs Pickford of the grants available from the Borough for this purpose.

(Mrs Edmonds left the meeting at this point due to prior family business.)

Charles Lowe & Sons have now indicated a price round £750 for the War Memorial which is well within the figure previously authorised.

A representative of the Charnwood Wildlife Project will come out to see the Hall surrounds shortly with a view to making proposals.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

There was some concern that travellers could force a way through the barrier and reoccupy the allotment car park. Mr Moyle will liaise with the Clerk with a view to tidying up the barrier and strengthening it with scaffolding poles.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/98/01928 - Airfield Emergency Services. The Clerk had had a further conversation with Mr Hill of OTE who appeared reluctant to put their assurances in writing although his tone was still conciliatory.

P/99/00824 - erection of two sectional buildings at ex Polish Hospital, Sowters Lane, Burton (Soar Valley Model Railway Club). There was no objection to this application.

9 MILLENNIUM

The amended Lease for the Lion's Mouth Fountain has been received from Moss Solicitors and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried unanimously that it be signed and returned to the Solicitors subject to satisfactory resolution of a question regarding insurance cover. Once this is

done the process of obtaining grants, appointing stonemasons/craftsmen can begin.

The Muggins Pottery people have advised the Chairman that it would be difficult to get a representation of the full fountain onto a mug. They will come out to see the fountain shortly and then make proposals. It is hoped to report back next meeting.

Mrs Saunders reminded the meeting of the PFA ideas regarding a picnic/fete but it was agreed to defer this and other proposals until the next meeting when the degree of commitment to the fountain and to the mugs should be more clear.

A circular had been received from the Borough regarding the 'Awards for All' Scheme, lottery grants for local groups which will be kept in mind.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A letter dated 18th May from the Leicestershire Constabulary offers little hope that a traffic survey will be conducted in the near future. It was agreed to ask them how much a survey costs and whether it could be advanced if the Parish meets all or some of the cost. In view of the two month gap until the next Meeting, it was agreed that the clerk would advise the Chairman and, if thought acceptable, ring around for approval once this information is obtained.

The surface dressing of the B676 through Burton is complete, leaving the footways strewn with chippings. The County will be asked to sweep these as soon as possible. Mr Moyle advised that the renewed footpath through Prestwold is of very poor quality and a complaint will be registered.

A letter has been received from the County confirming the decision to introduce 30 mph speed limits through Cotes on both Nottingham Road and Stanford Lane. A copy will be posted on the Cotes Notice Board inviting residents' comments to Mrs Spicer. Mrs Spicer advised that the Stanford sign has still not been replaced.

11 POULTRY FARM

The Clerk wrote to Robin Fisk on 12th May but has had no written response. Beverly Green advised yesterday that the Agreement has still not been signed by the other side. The matter is in the hands of the Borough Solicitors. The Clerk will now write to Mr Fisk, copy to the Chief Executive, requesting that this matter be prioritised. Mr Sharpe sought and received authority to canvass the local residents for their views on the situation. The Clerk will pass on to him the contact names at Padleys.

Mr Topham referred to the comments by Electors at the last meeting and

advised that he had gone back over the last two years and found that the Poultry Farm had been discussed at all 22 meetings. Airfield issues had been discussed at 18 of those meetings, but there had in fact been nine different issues relating to the airfield. The Clerk advised that reports on the Poultry Farm had appeared as Press releases in the 'Link' in eight out of a possible sixteen issues since the Abatement Notice was served, there being nothing new to say on the other occasions.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers at Cotes. As yet no date has been allocated for the High Court hearing in London. It is expected to be about another month before this happens.

Events on the Airfield. The Marie Curie Charity event scheduled for 6th June did not take place. A meeting has been arranged at Prestwold Hall between representatives of the Borough Council, the Estate managers probably including Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe and ourselves to discuss all airfield related issues. It was agreed that Mrs Pickford and the Clerk would represent this Council.

Abandoned car in Melton Road layby, Burton. This has not been removed despite our request to the County on 12th May. They will be reminded.

Alleyway between Seymour Road and Somerset Close, Burton. A complaint has been received about the overgrown condition of this alley. The Borough Cleansing Manager advises that this is the responsibility of the Housing Department and the matter has been referred to them.

Flyposting. A circular letter from the Deputy Area Planning Officer was read advising that the Borough is attempting to curb unauthorised flyposting. A recent problem locally was traced to a firm on the Wymeswold Industrial Estate.

13 FINANCE

A VAT refund of £337.14 has been received and with authorised expenditure of £1065.57, funds decreased by £728.43. The Bank were requested to transfer £6,000.00 from Business Reserve to Capital but erroneously transferred £60,000.00! So far they have still not properly corrected their error.

Approval of Accounts for year ended 31st March 1999. The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure Account (showing nett expenditure of £2,422), Balance Sheet, Notes and Supporting Statement which are to be submitted to the Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, on 16th July. On a proposal by Mrs Saunders, seconded by Mr Moyle and carried unanimously, these were

duly approved and signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk , as Responsible Financial Officer.

14 **CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies - salary/exp. May	207.24
G & J Lambert - maintenance	343.50
Cornhill Insurance - P/Council	628.33)
- PFA liability	156.00) 784.33

15 **MISCELLANEOUS**

Millennium Book. Mrs Pickford advised that the requests for entries had been circulated and the project is on schedule.

Party Politics. Mr Topham drew attention to an item in the 'Link' deploring the entry of party politics into Parish Council affairs and expressed the view that the Councillors should be independent of political parties. This was a reference to a leaflet issued by the Liberal Democrat candidate at the recent Borough elections which claimed that Mr Sharpe had been elected in Burton Parish as a candidate for that party.

Mr Sharpe agreed with Mr Topham's viewpoint and said that the leaflet had been issued without his knowledge or approval. He had made his disapproval plain to those who issued it. He had not stood as a party candidate.

'Round Robin' Procedure. The Clerk circulates miscellaneous information e.g Reports, Magazines, Planning Decisions etc about every 7/10 days. Not all of this needs to be recorded or filed but some of it does. In practice these envelopes are taking months to circulate which means that by the time they reach those low down on the circulation list information can be well out of date and in fact many of them never get back to the Clerk at all.

Members are asked to pass them on to the next in line within 2/3 days of receipt, read or unread. If they have no time to read them within that time scale, arrangements can be made to return them later, if required.

Correspondence was noted regarding the **Charnwood Civic Service, LCC Rural Strategy Conference, CPRE Charnwood AGM, CPRE Shop Locally Campaign, Charnwood Sports Development Officer appointments and L & R APLC Evaluation Questionnaire.**

The Archaeological Warden, Mr Peter Shaw, who was in attendance along with Mrs Joan Shaw gave a brief account of their current activities. It was agreed to invite the Tree Warden, Mr Paul Sutton, to the next meeting.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Travellers at Cotes, Airfield Activities, Poultry Farm, Lion's Mouth Lease signing, Traffic campaign and the proposed 30 mph speed limit through Cotes.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of Burton
on the Wolds held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May
1999 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Two Local Government Electors

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 12th May 1998, were read by the Clerk, confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.31 p.m.



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PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1998/99

Charnwood Draft Local Plan

The Parish Council has continued to follow closely the progress of the Draft Local Plan and has attended hearings in front of the Inspector where local issues were involved. In particular, further comments were made on the proposed housing development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton after revised proposals were submitted. The public hearings are now over but the Inspector's findings are not expected until next year.

Planning Matters

All planning applications on which the Parish Council has been consulted by Charnwood Borough have been carefully considered and commented upon, taking into account the best interests of villagers as a whole. It was pleasing to see that our views had an impact, in such matters as Burton Hall and its surrounding land and the proposed emergency services training on Wymeswold Airfield. Our role is not merely negative; it was encouraging to see the new Burton Post Office open in October last following our strong support.

Traffic/Highways


Progress has been disappointingly slow in our efforts to have a weight restriction imposed on the main road through Burton. An excellent short video illustrating the problem was produced, with the kind assistance of Mr Colin Betts, and a well attended meeting at which Andy Reed MP promised support got our campaign off to a good start but since then we have been frustrated by the inability of the Police to undertake a traffic census, to compare with previous records. We hope that this will soon take place and that the campaign can be resumed.

Playing Field/Village Hall

The Council has continued to support, financially and otherwise, the committees which administer these two village assets. We have recently authorised a £2000 grant to the PFA for improved amenities, subject to them receiving additional grants from elsewhere.

Travellers

During last summer groups of travellers again appeared on Burton Common though the resultant problems were probably less than in some recent years. However, in the Autumn, a group established themselves on that part of the Common used as a Car Park for the Allotments, made themselves at home, stayed throughout the winter (the first time we have experienced this) and apparently had no intention of leaving. As previously The Duke of Somerset (the landowner),



whilst sympathetic, was unwilling to incur any expenses in having them evicted and the Council had no alternative, in the interests of the allotment holders and villagers generally, but to take action itself.

Accordingly a Possession Order was obtained and the travellers evicted with the help of bailiffs. This was an expensive operation but, with the generous help of various members of the community, the site has now been secured so as to prevent any repetition of the problem.

A similar problem at Cotes is the responsibility of the County Council and we are pressing them at this moment to take effective action there.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton

A year ago I reported that the Borough Council had obtained an Abatement Notice against the Owners and Operators. Since then progress has been agonisingly slow following an Appeal and it now appears that later this year a new ventilation system will be installed in the older houses which should lessen if not eliminate the problems.

Precept

The Precept was held at £7000 for a further year, this being the lowest figure since 1988/89. Although this Parish element constitutes only a small part of total Council Tax, it is nevertheless pleasing that we have been able to play our part in reducing the burden on local people.

Millennium

We had ambitions to create a major piece of sculpture to commemorate the Millennium but despite strong support from the Borough Council and from Charnwood Arts Council, we failed to obtain the necessary grant from the Arts Council of England. We are now planning to refurbish the Lion's Mouth Fountain to its former glories as a Millennium project and are presently completing arrangements for a long lease of this listed feature from its owners, Mr & Mrs Edmondson.

The Council will also support other commemorations in the Community, including Mr Barrie Atkinson's Millennium Book project.

Footpaths/Bridleways

Now that the long awaited diversions have been approved, the Parish Council has agreed with the County that it will take on more responsibility for promotion and maintenance of local paths, with financial assistance from them.



St Philips Road Open Space

After a long campaign, the Borough Council were finally persuaded to take responsibility for this area, which should result in it being maintained to an acceptable standard for the benefit of local residents.

Noise from the Airfield

This problem has been growing worse over the last year with a number of apparent violations of the Conditions binding on the operators, particularly as regards Sunday activities and helicopter flights. Strong protest has been made to the Borough and this is being maintained.

War Memorial

Burton has never had a Second World War Memorial to commemorate those who fought and those who died for their country and it was agreed to commission a shield of similar design to the first World War Memorial. Plans are now well advanced and it is hoped that the Memorial will be completed during this year.

Web Site

We accepted the invitation of the Borough to take a page on their web site, which has now been created with brief details of our villages, their history, facilities etc.

Thanks

To conclude, I should like to express my thanks to all members of the Council for their support and assistance over the last year. I am grateful too to Borough Councillor Robert Shields for his continued interest in and support of our activities.

Most of all though, on behalf of you all I am sure, I should like to express our gratitude to Michael Oakland who has just stood down after twelve years on the Council. He made a distinguished contribution to Council affairs, particularly as Chairman 1995 - 97.



MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th May 1999 at 7.32 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mrs D Edmonds
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, all members being present.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, 12th May 1998, were read by the Clerk, agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that Mr Minkley continue as Chairman.

5 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mr Minkley, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mrs Saunders be elected Vice-Chairman.

6 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association Management Committee.
It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously, that Mrs Saunders continue to represent the Parish Council.



Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mrs Pickford should continue to represent the Parish Council.

Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish and Local Councils. It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that Mrs Spicer and Mr Topham should continue to represent the Parish Council.


7 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Clerk circulated an updated Inventory incorporating RPI increases in value where recommended by the Insurers. A copy is attached to these Minutes. The laminator purchased some years ago was never included in the Inventory, presumably an oversight, and it was agreed to include this at the current purchase price of £240. The replacement Notice Board is to be added at cost £310, taking the total for the four Notice Boards to £931. The existing War Memorial is not covered and it was agreed that this should be added, together with the Second World War memorial, once the cost of this is known. If and when the safety barrier outside the Village Hall is charged to the Council, this too should be added to the Inventory.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 7.49 p.m.


Rachael Saunders

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES & PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

INVENTORY

Description	Sum Insured 1998/1999	Proposed 1999/2000
Gang mower	£ 2800	£ 2800
Timber bus shelter	1446	1489
Timber Notice Boards (3)	603	621
Notice Board, Burial Ground	366	377
Timber seats (6)	965	994
Taps (2)	335	345
Handbells (19)	2154	2154
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1051	1051
Garage	1928	1986
Office Desk	81	81
Filing Cabinet	60	60
Amstrad Computer and printers	525	525
Photocopier	392	392
Pavilion	30121	31025
Lamp Posts	1274	1313
<u>Playing Field Association</u>		
Play Unit & Slide	4244	4371
Other Playground Equipment	6684	6884
Cricket Sight Screen	474	474
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	3378	3378
Timber Seat	90	93
Timber Picnic Table	330	340
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	£ 59301	£ 60753

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MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th May 1999, commencing at 7.50 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor), from Item 8
Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, all members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th April, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments:
Item 10, para 2 - add 'Mrs Saunders suggested that consideration should also be given to removing the bus stop layby to improve safety'

Item 12, last para - insert after 'Council' 'and former Council'

3 MATTERS ARISING

Item 15, Post Office. Mr Gardner has advised the Clerk that the business and house are for sale as his wife has taken a job elsewhere and they will be leaving the district. The Post Office is for sale as a going concern.

4 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Chairman expressed sympathy on behalf of the Council to Mrs Saunders' husband, John who has suffered a badly broken leg. Mrs Saunders said that he should be able to continue with the administrative side of Neighbourhood Watch and her commitment to the footpath survey should not be unduly affected. She advised that the recently rerouted Brook Street/Wymeswold Lane footpath is overgrown and the Clerk will ask the County to clear it under the previous arrangements, pending formalisation of

the new agreement. A new map of footpaths in our area, incorporating the recent reroutings has been received from Mr McWilliam and passed on to Mrs Saunders.

BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that it has not been possible to obtain grants from outside sources for the proposed path. She asked whether the Council would be prepared to take on the full cost, about £6000 as a Millennium project. In response to a question, she advised that the path is intended to be a benefit to old and young, providing a dry walk in all weather conditions. Consideration will be given to this suggestion under Item 9. It is still hoped that the surface adjacent to the wall will go ahead.

VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe & Sons expect to be able to give a firm price for the War Memorial within the next few days.

Mrs Pickford advised that the issue of Christmas lights has not been addressed since the Committee has not met.

The new ramp has been well received. No invoice has been received for the roadside barrier. The Playgroup have asked for an extended paved area around and behind the Hall, at a cost of about £6000. They have some funds but could this be regarded as a Council Millennium project. This will be considered under Item 9.

The ceiling tiles are in poor shape, detracting from the otherwise excellent appearance of the Hall. It was agreed that an inspection should take place to see whether this false ceiling could be removed to reveal the original beams.

The 'Detour' touring theatre group had offered a date in May but this gave insufficient preparation time. Late summer/early autumn have been requested.

7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS

The Allotment Society are happy with the new arrangements for car parking. The barrier needs to be smoothed out, with protruding pipework etc. removed or buried. It was suggested that the question of seeding or planting be discussed with the County Council.

8 PLANNING

P/99/00158 - 10 Loughborough Road, Burton. It has been noted that the latest amendment to the Application has been approved with some Conditions.

P/99/0001 & 2 - Burton Hall and adjacent land. Despite the recommendation of the officers, this proposal was rejected by the Planning Committee following the site visit. It is understood that this applies only to the proposed development of the paddock and that the conversion of the Hall itself to apartments has been approved.

P/98/01928 - Airfield Emergency Services. The Clerk was contacted by Mr David Hill of OTE Ltd on 14th April, they having had their attention drawn to our views in the 'Link'. His tone was conciliatory; they want to be good neighbours and not to give offence. They do not intend to use helicopters. and wonder if our attitude towards them is prejudiced by problems caused by other airfield users. They would like to meet us. It was agreed that since this matter is now out of our hands and with the Borough Council (OTE may not have been aware of the Borough's decision at the time of this telephone conversation) no useful purpose would be served by a meeting at this time. Such a meeting could be useful in the future should the matter be reopened and the Clerk will advise Mr Hill accordingly, asking for their assurances in writing.

P/99/00144 - 36k Sowters Lane, Burton. The Borough Council has approved this Application with Conditions, most importantly that no activities shall be carried out other than between 0900 and 1900 Mondays to Fridays and 0900 to 1700 on Saturdays. There shall be no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays. In addition there shall be no use of fixed power tools and no paint spraying. Hedges, fencing, parking and turning facilities and a hard bound access are also required. It appears that the Borough have received complaints from neighbours about activities on the site although none have been made to this Council.

P/98/01210 - 24 Springfield Close, Burton. The Borough have refused this Application on the grounds of unacceptable loss of privacy to the neighbours.

P/99/00645 - proposed first floor extension to bungalow (Mr D Allen). It was agreed that this application poses difficulties, given that Hall Drive is a bungalow development and previous extensions to other properties have been to the side or back, not upwards. The current application for development at Burton Hall (99/0001 & 2 above) also needs to be borne in mind.. Our response will point out these problems with the suggestion that a suitable ground floor extension would be more appropriate.

P/99/00557/2 - proposed extension to front of 20 Springfield Close, Burton (Mrs Davies). It was noted that this Application is made by the wife of the Parish Clerk. There was no objection.

P/99/00662 - proposed insertion of velux window to rear of Burton Bandalls Farm, Cotes (Mr & Mrs Eggleston). There was no objection.

9 MILLENNIUM

Despite several attempts, the Clerk has been unable to speak to Mr Byass. A 30th April deadline had been set to resolve the matter but this has not been met. Mr Byass' secretary advises that a further letter has been received, seemingly with further conditions and Mr Byass is about to advise us of these. After discussion it was agreed to advise Mr Byass at once that we are not prepared to consider any more variations. The Council have other options to celebrate the Millennium and, if the Edmondsons are not prepared to sign the Agreement in its present form, the Council will withdraw and they will be left with responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of this listed feature. The matter must be resolved in time for our June meeting. Councillor Shields is meeting with Hall Drive residents in a different context and it was agreed that he could intervene with the Edmondsons along the lines of the above if the opportunity offered.

A representative of the Charnwood Wildlife Project hopes to come and look at the land alongside the Village Hall within the next few weeks.

The Chairman has been approached by villagers suggesting that children (most probably those of primary school age) should be presented with a mug to mark the millennium. Muggins Pottery at Burton Bandalls could produce a mug, moulded in the shape of the Lion's Mouth with appropriate wording for between £5 and £10 each, depending on quantity. It was agreed that the Chairman would obtain quotations for 100/200/300 mugs which could also be sold to villagers, obtaining if possible a specimen of some similar mug for the next meeting.

Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA had been approached to incorporate a Millennium party into or instead of the year 2000 Midsummer Fete. Alternatively a street party could be held in Mundy Close or Somerset Close. It was agreed that these proposals and those mentioned earlier in these Minutes be deferred until the next meeting when the Lion's Mouth situation should be clarified.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

There has been no further word of the requested traffic census. It was agreed that this be requested once more. Councillor Shields will endeavour to involve County Councillor Mrs Goodman in pressing on our behalf.

A letter from the Divisional Engineer advises that surface dressing (tar and chippings) works are about to commence on Melton Road and Loughborough Road, Burton. Although it was felt that this treatment is

inadequate, it was agreed to make no protest since the poor quality of road surface is an important part of our traffic campaign.

The signpost at Cotes has still not been repaired. although an official has advised Mrs Spicer that it is in hand.

11 POULTRY FARM

The latest advice from Miss Green is that the changes to the Agreement are all agreed and awaiting signatures. The circular to residents has been drafted and will be sent out when the signatures are in place. Councillor Shields understands that the hold up is awaiting the Owner's signature (Mr Wheeler). Electors present reported that dust levels had been high in recent weeks. The monitoring equipment has been removed to another project in Mountsorrel. The Clerk will write and request that it be reinstated.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers at Cotes. This group engaged a Solicitor and opposed the Possession Order against them. They have been given leave to seek a judicial review to be heard at the High Court, London about now. Attempts to obtain further information from Mrs Athey of the County Council have been unsuccessful so far.

Events on the Airfield. Mr Andrew Dudley of the Borough Council advises that the organisers had been advised not to hold the Sunday 28th March event. Following our protest, they are formulating a Breach of Condition Notice. This is the appropriate enforcement action although it may not be ready by the time of the next planned event, 6th June. Mr Dudley does not know whether the organisers intend to go ahead with this, although the Area Organiser of the Marie Curie Cancer Trust has been in touch with him and he has suggested alternative venues. The Clerk will endeavour to find out their intentions.

Mrs Saunders read an advertisement which appeared in the 'Daily Mail' advising half day Ferrari racing courses at Prestwold Hall on Saturday organised by an organisation called The Activity Superstore, not previously known to us.

Miss Green advises that the Borough Council have received a response from Andrew Granger regarding the helicopter flights, proposing a meeting between those concerned. It was agreed to support this with Mrs Pickford and the Clerk representing the Council. If this coincides with the Clerk's holiday, second half May, then Mr Topham will attend.

Councillor Shields advised that Hoton Parish took the same attitude as ourselves to these activities but Wymeswold were acquiescent, regarding them as a better option than housing.

BTCV - creation of Field Ponds. Mr Moyle took this letter, to discuss with Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe.

Abandoned Car, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that a car has been abandoned on the car parking triangle in front of the pig farm but the County Council do not consider it their responsibility. The Clerk will point out that this is definitely their land and ask them to take action.

Comments from Villagers. Electors present expressed concern that the Council pays far more attention to problems on the Airfield than it does to the Poultry Farm problem. They considered that there is insufficient coverage of the Poultry farm issue in the 'Link'

It was pointed out that the Poultry Farm issue has been running for a number of years and a report is given to the Council every month. Everything that can be done has been done but the Parish Council has no direct powers and can only seek, in common with the Borough Councillor and those villagers concerned, to continually press the Borough to act. Although progress is painfully slow, there is nothing to suggest that the Borough Council is not doing all it can.

The Airfield issues are more recent and involve apparent breaches of Conditions of the Planning Agreement. The Council is objecting strongly but the Chairman will not accept any implication that some issues receive more attention than others. All matters of concern are followed up to the best of the Council's ability.

13 **FINANCIAL**

The first instalment of the Precept, £3500.00 has been received and with authorised expenditure at £1542.84, funds increased by £1957.16 last month. £6000.00 has been transferred from Business to Capital, as agreed last month.

14 **CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies - salary/exp. Apr.	£ 266.11
G & J Lambert - maint. Apr.	251.00
ACE Eng. Ins. - Playing Field	205.63
Severn Trent - water supply (3)	90.83
CBC - footway lighting	21.00
L & R APLC - sub.	147.50
L & R PFA - sub.	15.00
CPRE - balance sub.	2.50

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Greyhound Inn, Burton. Advice from Inn Court, Licensing Consultants is of a change of licence into the joint names of Vincent David Thomas and Emma Jane Thomas, Protection Order Date 12th May, Full Transfer Date 10th June.

School Crossing Attendant. Mr Topham expressed concern that this vacancy at Loughborough Road, Burton had not be filled, with safety implications for schoolchildren.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the AGM appointments, travellers at Cotes, activities on the Airfield, Poultry farm and the School Crossing Attendant.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.53 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th April 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Mrs D Edmonds (holiday)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 9th March, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising are covered elsewhere in the Agenda

4 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Following the presentation by Mr McWilliam at the last meeting, it was decided to take up the offer by the County Council to become involved with maintenance, improvement and promotion of local paths, with grant aid. Mrs Saunders volunteered to take control of this activity and this was welcomed by the Chairman and members. The first step will be to conduct a survey of local paths and it is expected that this will take up to three months. Mr McWilliam will be advised accordingly.

5 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

The PFA gangmower, which has not been used for the past two summers, is being overhauled by Mr Phil Spencer and was not ready for the first cut. The Clerk authorised Graham Lambert to use his own equipment at an extra cost of £11.50.

Mrs Saunders advised that so far insufficient grant aid has been secured to justify commencing work on the footpath and play wall area surfacing. Efforts are still being made.

The PFA AGM will be on 27th April and all are welcome to attend.

Reverting to the last minutes, Mr Topham wondered whether a skateboard ramp could be installed with clear notices that users were at their own risk.

Mrs Saunders indicated that such disclaimers could be challenged in law leaving the the Council with liability.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe's have now supplied a sample of engraving for the proposed **War Memorial** which was shown to members. Indications are that this method will reduce the original costs substantially and certainly well within the budget previously authorised. The style of lettering was agreed and gilt lettering is to be used, to match the First World War memorial.

Mrs Pickford reported that the disabled ramp at the front entrance has now been completed by a contractor and the County Council have installed the roadside barrier. The Borough Council will contribute 75% of these costs. A letter from the Secretary of the Management Committee notifies that the AGM will be on Tuesday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. and all members are welcome.

7 BURIAL GROUND

The moles appear to have been eliminated, at a cost of £100 (four visits).

8 PLANNING

P/99/00158 10 Loughborough Road, Burton. An amendment had been received to the application considered at the last meeting which would retain most of the hedge fronting Loughborough Road, taking out a bulge so as to improve visibility and it was agreed that this was an improvement although other objections remain.

P/99/0001 & 2 Burton Hall and adjacent land. Plans Sub-Committee 1 intend to visit the site on 15th April. In a lengthy report the Director of Planning recommends that the Scheme go ahead with only minor Conditions, despite the many protests received.

P/98/01797 Proposed Display of two non-illuminated sign boards at Wymeswold Airfield (Foxton Developments). There was no objection.

P/99/00381 Proposed extension to front of Lang's Restaurant, Melton Road, Burton (Mr G Lang). There was no objection.

9 MILLENNIUM

A letter from Moss Solicitors received today was read. It appears that the Edmondsons, having consulted Solicitors, now wish to have the whole of the front wall included in the lease. It was agreed that this was unacceptable and that the lease should include only the fountain and its supporting stone columns, in total about three metres across. A further request that the Council accept responsibility for repair of the supply pipes where they cross the Edmondsons' land was accepted. These decisions will be communicated immediately to Moss with a request that all matters be concluded by the next meeting and repeating that our contribution to Lessors' costs be limited to £100.

There has been no response as yet from Charnwood Wildlife Project to Mr David Bird's suggestion for the land surrounding the Village Hall.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

The Clerk had asked the Leicestershire Constabulary to expedite the data monitoring/census now that we are in a new financial year but a letter dated 9th April only indicates that this is receiving attention and a more detailed response will be forthcoming in due course.

Installation of safety barriers in Burton village centre was again discussed but deferred until the next meeting, to allow Councillors to look more closely at possible requirements.

A letter from the County Council regarding the Jempson lorries through Burton was read but this tells us nothing new and it was agreed that taking this any further would be futile.

Mrs Spicer advised that the damaged signpost at Cotes has still not been restored although the broken arm has now been removed, presumably for repair.

The road patching programme in Burton has continued intermittently since the last meeting though much of the designated work has not been carried out. A clear indication of the County Council's intentions will be requested.

11 POULTRY FARM

Miss Green advises that the amended document from the Owners/Operators is now being considered and should be agreed shortly. This will involve installation of the 'Skov' system to Houses 1 & 2 within six months as well as the other housekeeping improvements previously prescribed. This is seen as the 'best practicable means' of improving the situation though monitoring will be required to check that the system is effective. A letter summarising the situation will be sent to those local people who have registered complaints shortly.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers on Burton Common. The hearing at the County Court on 18th March was successful and a Possession Order obtained. This was served on the travellers, a Bailiff was appointed and eviction took place on 25th March with a Police presence. Some of the travellers went only as far as the site at Cotes whilst others are believed to have gone to Hathern. The remaining vehicles were towed off the land by a tractor supplied by Fred and Jamie Bailey and the land made temporarily secure, again with their help. Over subsequent days, some debris and car bodies were removed by the travellers whilst the rest were disposed of to a scrap merchant at Six Hills without cost to the Council. Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe then supplied several lorry loads of hardcore to form a more permanent barrier, free of charge. Space has been left for allotment holders to park their cars and the Clerk will check whether this is acceptable to them. If it is, then the barrier can perhaps be topped off with soil and grassed over or otherwise landscaped. The water supply can now be restored if this has not already taken place.

It was agreed to write to the Baileys and to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe expressing the Council's gratitude for their assistance. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded by the Chairman and carried unanimously that the Clerk be thanked for his efforts in resolving this problem.

The Solicitors' bill is £770.89 before VAT. No other substantial costs have been incurred.

Travellers at Cotes. The encampment off Cotes road has grown considerably in size and it is understood that the County Council are planning eviction shortly. A letter from Mrs Gaynor Byass on the subject was read. The County Council have been asked to ensure that, following eviction, the site is made secure to prevent a further recurrence of the problem. Burton Common frontagers will be advised when the eviction date is known, to try to prevent further incursions.

Events on the Airfield. The Sunday event on 28th March went ahead despite opposition from this Council. It appears that the Borough Council themselves withheld permission for this event and the Clerk has already written expressing our disapproval in the strongest terms and demanding that action be taken against the offenders. Our opposition to the proposed event on 6th June has been reiterated.

On Saturday 10th April there was a recurrence of what appear to be pleasure flights by helicopter. This too has been reported to the Borough Council and a response is awaited.

Wall at foot of Council Houses, Seymour Road, Burton. Mrs Pickford advised that this work has now been carried out, very satisfactorily, and asked that a letter of thanks be sent.

13 FINANCIAL

£2518.80 has been transferred from Capital Account to Business Reserve in time for the year end, this comprising amounts for Pavilion and Bus Shelter refurbishment and the replacement Notice Board.. Taken together with cheques authorised at the last meeting and other small receipts, the year end balance is £7840.00 in the Business Reserve/Current Account and £20,212.18 in the Capital Account.

Interest rates have been falling for most of this year, the Capital Account from 5.1% to 3.25% and the Business Reserve from 3.7% to 1.95%. To minimise the effects of these reductions, it was agreed that a transfer be made from Business to Capital, probably in excess of £5000 and that thereafter the Business Reserve be maintained at no higher level than is necessary to meet ongoing expenses. A separate ledger will be maintained recording the true capital balance (which is not available to meet current expenditure).

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies - salary/exp.Mar	£244.86
PricewaterhouseCoopers - audit	251.69
Moss Solicitors - travellers	877.79
Paul Dunkley - mole catcher	100.00

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Elections. There will be no Parish Council Elections this year as the nominations exactly match the vacancies in each of our three Wards, subject to any late withdrawals.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr Michael Oakland, who is not standing for re-election. Mr Oakland has represented Burton for 12 years, was the immediate past Chairman, and made a significant contribution to local affairs over the whole of that period.

Christmas Lights. A letter from Mrs Gay Pepper, who attended the last meeting was read. Thanking Councillors for their efforts, she went on to suggest that Burton could do more by way of a display of Christmas lights, as do some other local villages. Mrs Pickford will take this up with the Village Hall Management Committee and the Clerk will supply details of grants available from the Borough.

L & R APLC Circular. The County Association wishes to adopt a higher profile and details of its proposals were read. Significant amongst these is introduction of a £20 extra charge for Councils with above 500 population.

Charnwood Environmental Action Group.
Borough of Charnwood - National Spring Clean.
These two circulars were noted.

Post Office. It was noted with some concern that the recently reopened Burton Post Office is advertised for sale in the 'Loughborough Echo'.

Brook Street, Burton. Mr Oakland's final contribution was a suggestion that the brook be cleared four times rather than twice per year and this will be pursued with the Borough Council as agents for Severn Trent.

Agenda. It was agreed that the Agenda should in future always include an invitation to the public to attend.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will include Footpaths and Bridleways, Travellers at Burton and Cotes, Activities on the Airfield, Poultry Farm and Local Elections.

17 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

May sees the Annual Parish Meetings as well as the Parish Council Annual General Meeting and the series of meetings will commence as usual at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th March 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Six Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology from Mr K Topham (holiday)

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 9th February, were amended by the addition of "and the Village Hall Management Committee." after "Borough Council" in the penultimate paragraph on page 2247, item 8 and were then accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Skateboard Facilities (Item 4). Mrs Saunders advised that the possible provision of skateboard facilities by the PFA had been aborted by the demands of the Insurance Company which would have rendered the project unaffordable.

4 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, welcomed Mr Eddie McWilliam, Promotions Officer (Rights of Way) of the County Council who gave a short presentation on Parish Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways. He had brought for us a large scale map of the network in our parishes although the latest amendments were not incorporated.

Powers exist for Parish Councils to get involved in management of local paths. Grants are discretionary so approval must be obtained in advance for any works. Signage can be kept up to standard either by reporting problems to the County Council or taken on locally, once training has been provided.



Cutting of natural vegetation on headland paths is a County Council responsibility and they should be advised if there are problems. Other aspects which the County is prepared to allow Parishes to become involved in include promotion of use, guided walks and printing of material covering parish walks and rides. Copies of a leaflet 'Out and About in Leicestershire 1999-2000' were distributed.

Mr McWilliam took questions from Councillors and members of the public and referred to a letter from Mr Terry Smith who was unable to be present to which he will reply direct. The following points emerged:

Cross field paths should be reinstated by the landowner within 14 days of first disturbance and within 24 hours subsequently. A schedule of works can be drawn up by a contractor on behalf of the Parish Council and if the prices are reasonable 100% grants will be available. The Parish Council will need to decide which local paths need to be kept up to standard. Landowners must ensure that headland paths are not overhung. Paths are sometimes churned up in wet weather, by walkers as well as by horses. There should be abundant walking opportunities even if some paths become temporarily difficult. If the situation becomes impossible, the Highway Authority can be asked to help. Stiles are to keep livestock in and if they are well established no objection can be raised. If there are holes alongside, this is pointless and the LCC should be advised. Gates can be installed as an alternative with the landowner's permission and Parish Council involvement. Grants may be available. Farmers are concerned at walkers and riders cutting corners and allowing dogs to roam, particularly in fields where 'beef assured' cattle graze. The consequences could be disastrous. Signs are available warning against loose dogs.

If we are to get involved, somebody here must take on responsibility. The local contractor could be a farmer but this is unlikely to be workable, other than for large scale landowners. Insurance aspects need to be checked out.

The Chairman thanked the speaker for a most useful contribution and Mr McWilliam then left the meeting.

5 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Grant applications are being prepared for the path and play wall area surfacing. Students from Brooksby College, organised by Mr Phil Spencer, carried out clearance work around the field valued at about £600 for nothing. It may be possible to make similar arrangements in future years. It was agreed to meet the £35 cost of a replacement swing seat to allow the PFA to make a donation of a similar amount to Brooksby.



6 VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe are near to being able to offer us alternative quotations for screen printing or mechanical engraving of the War Memorial and these should be ready for the next meeting.

Mrs Pickford advised that the Committee have received a reasonable quote for provision of a disabled ramp but that a barrier at kerb side will be required. Mrs Edmonds advised that it has been difficult to pin down responsibility within the Borough Council as regards approval of the scheme and grant aid, which needs to be in place by the 6th May elections. She will liaise with the Clerk to move the project forward.

The proposed theatre project is still being discussed with Mr King of the Borough Council.

Village Hall bookings will now be taken either at the Post Office or by Sue Newby, 20 Sowters Lane.

7 BURIAL GROUND

The excessively wet weather has prolonged clearance of moles, but a third was taken this morning and it is believed that there are no more.

8 PLANNING

P/98/01928 Airfield Emergency Services. This application was approved at the Sub Committee meeting on 11th February but with important Conditions that there shall be no flying of helicopters or other aircraft, no discharging of guns or firearms, no use of sirens, klaxons or other audible warning equipment and no fires producing dark smoke. The Conditions would seem to satisfy the concerns raised in our letter to the Planning Authority but it remains to be seen whether they will prove acceptable to the Applicants.

P/99/00136 Natural Burial Ground at Burton Bandalls (Natural Burial Co. Ltd.) The Council had previously discussed this at the concept stage and it was agreed to raise no objection.

P/99/00144 retention of use of building and completed alterations for car repairs at 36k Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr J A Scottorn). It was agreed to raise no objection to this already completed improvement to the building.

P/99/00158 Proposed Erection of House and Garage at land adjacent to 10 Loughborough Road, Burton (N R Fitchett & Son Ltd.) Outline permission had previously been granted under P/98/00773. After discussion, it was agreed to object on the grounds that hedging/walling

/fencing required by the outline consent is not provided facing the road and that the existing hedge should be retained. It is also contended that the development is too obtrusive and should be scaled down to bungalow height.

P/99/00181 Proposed two story extension to side of 8 Mundy Close, Burton (Mr S Bailey). No objection was raised to this, subject to normal regulations being applied where the extension faces the neighbouring No. 6.

P/99/00358 Proposed first floor extension to rear of 36 Barrow Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs Lightfoot). No objection.

9 MILLENNIUM

David Bird of the Borough Council has been advised that, although our original project has been turned down, we would still like to improve the land around the Village Hall. He thinks that it may be possible to establish it as a flora and fauna habitat, funded by the Borough, and will revert.

There is no news from Ken Byass regarding the Lion's Mouth and it was agreed to press for news by the next meeting as time is running short.

A circular from Discovery Time Capsules Ltd offering time capsules at £425 and £195 was rejected.

10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

A further letter from Andy Reed MP was read, confirming that there are no resources remaining for a census this financial year and regretting his inability to be of more help. It was agreed to press the Police for this survey early in the new year.

Provision of safety barriers in Burton village centre was again deferred pending the outcome of the Village Hall barrier.

Mr Sheard of the County Council has written regarding the Jempson lorry issue, but appears to have misunderstood the problem. The Clerk has responded outlining the situation.

Despite reminders to the County Council, the road sign at Stanford Lane, Cotes has not been restored.

A programme of County Council road repairs is underway in Burton. Despite hopes previously raised of a full resurfacing, these seem to be in the nature of 'patching'.



11 POULTRY FARM

A telephone conversation with Miss Green indicates that there has been no progress since last month.

12 ENVIRONMENT

Travellers on Burton Common (Allotment Car Park). After some delay, all the necessary documents have been completed by the Agent for the Duke of Somerset and lodged by Moss Solicitors at the County Court, Leicester yesterday. A hearing has been fixed for next Thursday 18th March which the Clerk will attend as witness and he has distributed copies of the Notice on the site. All being well, a Possession Order will then be issued and the travellers will be given a date by which to leave. No doubt it will prove necessary to instruct bailiffs to enforce this.

A meeting with Inspector Boulton and Sergeant Munthey of the Police scheduled for 3rd March was postponed by them but reconvened this morning, the Chairman, Mrs Saunders and the Clerk attending. The Police will attend when Bailiffs are appointed, to keep the peace but it is clear that their role is a passive one

Mr Jamie Bailey will provide concrete blocks to secure the site temporarily once the travellers have gone. There will be a need to assess whether this will constitute sufficient deterrent. The Clerk will write to all frontagers advising them to make their sections of the Common secure and also keep Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe advised.

Sunday Events on the Airfield. A letter dated 18th February from Mr Stuart Moffat, Head of Development Control advises that Everyman Racing have applied for events on two Sundays, 28th March and 6th June and requests our comments. It was agreed to oppose these events strongly, pointing out that Sundays and Bank Holidays are specifically prohibited by the Conditions of Consent P/97/00687 in order to protect local residents from excess noise.

Flooding in Burton. No further response from Mr Lorimer.

Safety Barrier at Melton Road/Mundy Close entry, Burton. This has now been restored.

Pinfold, Prestwold. Mr Peter Shaw has received reassurance from Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe that the Pinfold will not be damaged by the present works.

13 FINANCIAL

Nett outgoings last month were £199.05, following receipt of a VAT refund and the Charnwood Notice Board grant.

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The following cheque was authorised and signed:
K W Davies - salary/exp. Feb. £234.26

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Elections. The Borough and Parish Council Elections will be on Thursday 6th May. Notices have been posted and the Clerk has Nomination Papers available. The new Electoral Registers have been received, showing a decline of 19 in the Burton electorate, largely due to closure of Burton Hall.

No action was taken as regards a **CBC Public Art Seminar, L&R RCC Village Appraisal Seminar, L&R RCC funding appeal, Charnwood Community Council transport Scheme circular** or further circular regarding **Beat Policing from Groby Parish Council**. An **L&R RCC Rural Services Audit** has been completed and authority was give for the Clerk to attend a **L&R APLC Training Day**, should he wish, at a cost of £7.50.

The Chairman advised that the Village Postmaster had expressed disappointment at the later clearance of the post box on Saturdays, since he was able to receive mail at the Post Office until the later time and benefited from people visiting his shop whilst posting letters. It was unfortunate that members had been unaware of this arrangement.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Mr McWilliam's presentation, Travellers, the Emergency Services decision, proposed Sunday activities on the Airfield and the forthcoming elections.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th February 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mr M Oakland

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 12th January 1999, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Post Collection (Item 3). A positive response has been received from the Royal Mail who advise that the Saturday collection will now be at 11.30 a.m. instead of 8.00 a.m. The time plate will be amended accordingly before long.

Public Meeting on Crime and Disorder Act (Item 14). Mrs Saunders had attended the meeting at Quorn and reported that it was poorly attended, as had been the two previous meetings held elsewhere in the North Police Area. The tone had been negative, with the Police spokesmen having a jaundiced view both of Neighbourhood Watch and CCTV cameras. The biggest centres of car crime were shown to be big car parks, in Loughborough town centre, Bradgate Park, etc. She had raised the question of Travellers and Inspector Boulton had asked how he could help us (see Item 11 below).

Highway Matters at Cotes (Item 9). Mrs Spicer advised that although the burnt out cars had been removed, the signpost at Stanford Lane had not been restored.

4 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that the complaints from teenagers had been followed through and seemed to come down to a request for skateboard facilities. This discontent had been featured on Central Television and the situation now is that Matthew Hay, who appears to be spokesman for the disaffected group, is obtaining details of a 'U-shaped' ramp which could be installed on the field.

Quotations are being obtained for the path across the field and for a hard surface adjacent to the wall.

Quotations from G and J Lambert and from P & J Services were presented for maintenance of the Playing Field and other Parish Council managed areas for the coming season, the Smith family of Mundy Close, Burton having declined to quote. The Lambert quote was the lower of the two and it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that this quotation be accepted and Lamberts appointed for 1999.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that that all the renovation works are now complete. There is a potential cost of up to £1500 for a ramp for the disabled. Mrs Edmondson said that clarification is still wanted on siting of the ramp. Mr Roger Soars of the Borough Council is involved in this issue. The front door seems to be favoured currently but this will require a kerb side barrier to be erected. Matching funding up to £2000 is available from the Borough Council. They want it in place for the May elections. Depending on the outcome of all this, financial assistance from the Parish Council may be sought.

Mrs Walker is in contact with Richard King of the Borough Council regarding the 'Detour' theatre project.

Charles Lowe are still investigating costs of a Second World War memorial.

John Unwin & Sons have carried out the annual electrical inspection but there was some dissatisfaction with their work and it is not clear whether the invoices so far received cover the complete inspection.

6 BURIAL GROUND

Charnwood Environmental Services have been engaged to rid the Burial Ground of moles, at a cost of £25 per visit. Two or three visits should suffice as the Clerk will make daily inspections of the traps to keep costs to the minimum. The traps will be laid as soon as the current snowfall clears.

7 PLANNING

P/98/01928 - proposed use of airfield including Hangar 4 and former Control Tower for emergency services operational training. This item was deleted from the Agenda of the sub-committee on 28th January and a further letter has been received from the Planning Directorate enclosing revisions to the original scheme. The sub-committee will now discuss the matter on 11th February after first visiting the site. The Officers are recommending acceptance subject to Conditions, without hearing our views on the revisions, which they indicate will be relayed verbally to the sub-committee,

The Clerk read a proposed reply reiterating our strong objections to the revised plan and it was agreed that, in view of the short notice, sufficient copies of this for all sub-committee members would be delivered by hand when the coach visits Wymeswold Airfield on the 11th.

P/99/0001 - Burton Hall developments. A copy letter from the Charnwood Branch of the CPRE to the Planning Director objecting to this scheme was read. Asked for comments, an Elector present stated that Hall Drive residents have combined to resist this proposal and have taken legal advice.

P/98/01210 - Installation of side bedroom window without obscure glazing (non-compliance) and revised design of carport, 24 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr A Clark). There was no objection to this amendment to P/98/0456 so long as the neighbour is not concerned about being overlooked.

8 MILLENNIUM

There was disappointment that the Arts Council has turned down our grant application which means that this project must now be abandoned. The Chairman proposed that, as an alternative, the Lion's Mouth refurbishment should become the Millennium project and this was agreed. It appears that the Edmondsons have still not signed the lease agreement and Mr Edmondson, who was present, said that he was awaiting confirmation that his legal fees would be met by the Parish Council. This had been agreed a long time ago and Moss Solicitors have been reminded of this today.

Mr Topham commented that, although the major project has to be cancelled, the area around the Village Hall should still be upgraded as it diminishes the appearance of Burton village centre. The Clerk will pursue this with the Borough Council *and the Village Hall Management Committee.*

Mrs Pickford advised that the Millennium Book project is well in hand and blank forms will be sent out with the April 'Link'.

9 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Andy Reed MP has promised to take up the need for a traffic census with the Leicestershire Constabulary. However, the Clerk has been advised by the Senior Traffic Management Officer at Narborough that funds are exhausted in the present financial year and that, although we are near the top of the list, it will be Spring or early Summer before we get the census.

Debate centred on provision of barriers in Burton village centre, particularly at the Fountain House corner, to prevent lorries mounting the pavement. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting when the issue of a barrier outside the Village Hall (see 5 above) should be more clear.

Mr Rod Cherry, Target 2000 Co-ordinator of the Leicestershire Constabulary had advised that a 30 mph speed campaign would be in Burton some time in the fortnight commencing 26th January and Mrs Saunders confirmed that there had been a speed trap one day recently.

A letter from the Head of Development Control in response to our protest at Jempson lorry movements through Burton was disappointing. Despite assurances given originally that vehicles would not travel through Burton, Jempsons now say that they do proceed to and from East Leake via Burton and the Borough Council are powerless to stop them. The County Council have been asked for their views but it appears that this is a lost cause.

The new village sign (replacing that broken earlier) is now in place on the right hand side of Barrow Road, Burton.

10 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green advises that, following the recent Committee meeting, the Notice to conform has been extended another month whilst solicitors for the owners and for the operators agree who is responsible for what. It is expected that the 'Skov' system will then be installed.

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ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. See Item 8 above.

Travellers. The Clerk has had several meetings with representatives of the travellers from which it appears that there are five adults and two children under school age. He asked them whether they are prepared to go voluntarily as the Council will now commence proceedings and gave them a week to do so, which has now expired. These are young people who are not belligerent and say they are willing to leave but have nowhere to go. One of their two coaches is unroadworthy, having defective brakes.

Moss Solicitors are prepared to act on our behalf and have succeeded in

such cases before. In their experience, if the travellers resist a Possession Order, which they probably will, then total costs of £7/800 can be expected although the initial fee for obtaining an Order is £80. The complication is that the land belongs to the Duke of Somerset and action must be taken in his name and with his approval.

The Duke has a new agent, Mr Charles Ashby and the Clerk has obtained his verbal agreement to act as above, so long as there is no cost to the Duke, and written confirmation is promised. A debate ensued regarding the questions of precedent and authority for the Council to incur expense of this nature. It was felt that the threat to the Council's revenue from the allotments differentiated this situation from others and that the Council would therefore be able to resist any pressure from other local landowners who found themselves with travellers on their land.

It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Topham and carried that Moss Solicitors be instructed to commence Possession Order proceedings once the Duke of Somerset's written authority is received and subject to the Clerk establishing that the expenditure is justified under the 'Free Resource' procedure. Mr Oakland disagreed on the basis of difficulties encountered previously when attempting similar action.

Mrs Saunders suggested that all frontagers be advised to maintain their ditches and other defences in case these travellers should try to move further up the Common. The Clerk will invite Inspector Boulton (with reference to Item 3 above) to meet with the Chairman, Mrs Saunders and Mr Topham to discuss what the Police can do.

Noise from Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. There has been no further response from Mr Dudley.

Flooding in Burton. There is no further news from Mr Andrew Lorimer.

Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways. Mr Eddie McWilliam, Rights of Way Promotions Officer at the County Council has offered to come to our next meeting, bringing with him the latest maps etc. He is willing to take questions from villagers. This offer was accepted with thanks.

Footpath from Barrow Road, Burton to Walton on the Wolds. Mrs Myring of Fountain House, Burton has written about deep ploughing of the footpath at the Burton end. It was established that the path in question is unofficial and not a designated right of way. The official path is cross field, lower down Barrow Road and Mrs Myring will be advised accordingly.

Wall at foot of Council Houses, Seymour Road, Burton. The Building Control Department at the Borough Council is serving notice on the owners to effect repairs. This includes their own Housing Department, in respect of the one remaining Council owned house.

Safety Barrier at Melton Road/Mundy Close entry, Burton. One half of this barrier has collapsed which means it is no longer an effective safeguard. The matter has been reported to the County Council.

Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. The Borough Council have sent a copy of the Designation Order but it was felt that this would have little or no impact locally. Dog fouling is becoming more of a problem in Burton and it is hoped that the comment in the current 'Link' might have an effect.

Crime and Disorder Audit. A swift response had been required on this short Consultation document from Charnwood Community Safety Partnership and, after taking soundings, a reply had been sent suggesting that Drugs and Alcohol and Road Safety should be given higher priority and domestic violence lower.

Pinfold, Preston. This is located adjacent to the exit from the Hall and the Archaeological Warden, Mr Shaw (who was present) had noticed materials being dumped in the vicinity. Mr Moyle confirmed that the Borough Council are storing materials there. Mr Shaw will write to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe asking that care be taken not to damage the Pinfold further, even though it is not a listed structure.

Boundary Wall, Prestwold Estate. Councillor Shields observed that token efforts seem to be in hand to repair the wall, although there has been no significant progress as yet.

12 FINANCIAL

There has been a nett decrease in funds of £1053.53 since the last meeting, taking into account a further £96.00 burial fees received.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies - salary/exp. Jan	248.93
Viking Direct - toner, etc.	125.58
John Unwin Ltd - replace tubes V/H	53.93
-"- - clean wall fires V/H	23.50
Leics.Footpath Assoc. - sub.	4.00

14 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter from the Borough Council offers 10% discount on insulation under the **Parish Winter Warmth Scheme**. There will be a **Public Arts Seminar** at Southfields on 10th March. A BBC Radio Leicester invitation to participate in **County Questions 1999** was declined as was an appeal for contributions to **P R I D E**.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will include tying up binbags (omitted last time), the later Saturday mail collection, news of the Millennium project, developments regarding Travellers, the delay to the Traffic Census, disabled access to the Village Hall and the visit by Mr McWilliam to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th January 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Six Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Mr M Oakland (business).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 8th December 1998, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Groby Parish Council (Item 3). A further letter, dated 10th December 1998, had been received from the Chairman of Groby asking for support for a petition requesting more beat policing, but it was again felt inappropriate to become involved.

Post Collection times in Burton on the Wolds (Item 14). No reply has yet been received to our request for a later collection on Saturdays.

4 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders advised that there have been further incidents of graffiti on equipment. The PFA believe they know who is responsible and are considering how best to deal with the matter. It seems that teenagers are complaining that there is little for them to do in Burton. The Youth Club folded some time ago, largely it seems because of lack of support for the organiser, Mrs Malekpour.

It appears that the cost of the path across part of the field will be £5/6000. It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that the sum of £2000 be granted towards this path.



5 VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman and Clerk had seen Mr Richard Lowe of Charles Lowe & Sons, following the last meeting, to discuss further the proposed Second World War Memorial. It may be possible to produce a memorial similar in size to the First War Memorial but in a more modern style, perhaps with the letters not engraved. It was agreed to ask Lowe's to let us have their proposals and proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that up to £2000 be allocated to the Memorial.

The overhanging tree in the Village Hall grounds has now been cut back by the Borough Council.

The Arts Officer of the Borough Council, Richard King has proposed that Burton be one of four Charnwood villages to participate in a small scale Touring Project called Detour. The Village Hall Management Committee have already been sounded out via Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Pickford and have expressed interest. Charnwood will subsidise the venture and it appears that profit will start to accrue from as low as 20 tickets sold. It was agreed to support the venture and the first step will be for Mr King to inspect the hall for suitability.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the question of disabled access is still being pursued and that a grant has been applied for. The Insurance claims mentioned last time are proceeding.

6 BURIAL GROUND

The Chairman recently met the Vicar who wanted to know if there is an official maintenance agreement for the Parish Council to look after the Burial Ground, which there is. There has been an outbreak of mole activity and the Clerk will investigate how best to deal with this, starting with the Borough Pest Control Department.

7 PLANNING

P/98/01928 - proposed use of airfield including Hangar 4 and former Control Tower for emergency services operational training. The Clerk had been interviewed by Radio Leicester about our objections to this proposal. Hoton are greatly concerned and have asked us whether we feel that a joint public meeting would be appropriate. It was felt that this would serve little purpose as our response has already been made. Wymeswold have not opposed the Application. Plans Sub-Committee 2 is due to vet the application on 28th January. Mr Topham still hopes to attend this meeting and the Clerk will ascertain whether this Application is intended to supersede the current use of the Airfield by Everyman Racing for Rally Cars, etc.

P/99/00001/2 - proposed Conversion of Nursing Home to 4 Dwellings, formation of Garage to existing Dwelling and erection of Garages and Seven Detached House in adjacent Paddock at Burton Hall (Steeple Grange Investments Ltd). This, and an accompanying application under the Listed Buildings Act for proposed alterations to Burton Hall, was accompanied by voluminous plans. It takes the place of an Application last year for eight apartments at the Hall and outline permission for four dwellings in part of the Paddock. The current Application envisages that the seven large two storey houses will cover the whole of the paddock and orchard area.

It was agreed to raise no objections to the application as regards the Hall itself but to object to the new houses as being, at the highest point in the village, too large in scale and out of keeping with the bungalow development on Hall Drive. Our other objections, raised at the time of the previous application, had been overruled and it was considered useless to raise them again. The Tree Warden, Mr Paul Sutton, has been invited to comment and any relevant comments of his will be included in our response.

8 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

The Borough Council Grants Sub-Committee approved a Grant of £2500, subject to the scheme proceeding as detailed and to confirmation by the Policy & Finance Committee on 12th January and the full Council on 25th January. The Arts Council are due to make their decision by end January with notification shortly thereafter.

Mr Barrie Atkinson was present and, at the Chairman's invitation, addressed the Council regarding his Millennium Book proposal. He had previously circulated an explanatory paper to Councillors. A Preparation Committee will consist of himself, his wife Joy, Mr Brian Rowell and Mrs Pickford. The Chairman asserted that Prestwold and Cotes should be included and Mrs Spicer and Mr Moyle volunteered to join the Committee. Mr Atkinson thought that grants may well be available but believed that in any case the project should pay for itself. There will be costs up front and the Chairman indicated that the Council would help with these.

There is another project initiated by the Wolds Historical Organisation (see below) but Mr Atkinson felt that there would be no conflict between the two. During debate views were expressed that, on the one hand, entries should reflect achievement whereas, on the other, they should not be unduly competitive. Editorial skills would be required to tread a safe path.

The Wolds Historical Organisation had, via Joan and Peter Shaw, invited participation in 'Wolds Life - towards 2000', intended to record village activities in 1999 with a record of activities, minutes etc., and if possible a photographic record. It was agreed that the Clerk would compile this through the year.

9 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

There is no news regarding the requested traffic census and no reply as yet from Andy Reed MP.

A reply from the County Council categorically refuses to accept that there will be any benefit from moving the 30 mph signs at the western side of Burton. Mr Hemsley, who instigated this correspondence, will be advised accordingly with the suggestion that if he is dissatisfied he should contact the County authority direct.

Mr Andrew Dudley of the Borough Council has responded at some length regarding Jempson lorries travelling through Burton. He says that whilst there is believed to be an agreement between J Jempson & Sons and British Gypsum Ltd that these lorries will use the A46 when moving from Wymeswold Airfield to and from East Leake and Barrow upon Soar, and that they will not impinge on Burton or Wymeswold, such a private agreement is not enforceable by the planning authority. Nevertheless he has asked Jempson whether this agreement still exists and whether, if so, they are observing it.

Mrs Spicer advised that the road sign for Stanford at the junction of the A60 with Stanford Lane has fallen down and Mr Moyle advised that there are burnt out cars on the verges of the A60 between Hoton and Cotes and on Stanford Lane between Cotes and Stanford. The Clerk will ask the County authority to act.

10 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green advises that this item was withdrawn from the agenda of the Environmental Health Committee meeting yesterday as a late submission has been received from the Solicitors acting for Padleys which needs investigation. The next meeting is 26th January. An Elector present confirmed that the smell problem has again been very noticeable recently.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. A cheque for £35.00 representing seven years rent was sent to Moss Solicitors at their request on 18th December.

Travellers. Despite assurances given to the Environmental Health officer, the group at the allotment car park did not leave at Christmas and are still present. They are now occupying all this area in numbers and preventing allotment holders from parking there. This could well result in allotment holders withdrawing with consequent loss of rents to the Council. The Clerk will write to the Duke of Somerset's agent asking whether he is prepared to transfer this small piece of land to the Parish Council to enable us to take steps to evict the travellers. He will also establish the cost of evicting this

group. Mr Moyle will ask Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe if he is able to intervene with the Duke on our behalf.

Mrs Saunders observed that the County Council had spread the planings from the B676 road works on the car park, improving the surface for the travellers, which was thoughtless and added to our problem.

Mr Peatfield had replied to the point raised by Mr Topham in October. This was unsatisfactory and merely repeated once again that since this is private land, the Borough Council have no powers. The Clerk will endeavour to find out just what happened in Rushcliffe.

Noise from Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. A letter from Mr Andrew Dudley advises that Everyman Racing deny that any activities are taking place on Sundays. They offer to meet with complainants to discuss the issue. Mr Moyle confirmed that the HGV activity on Sunday mornings appears to be carried out by a road haulier and not be Everyman. Mr Dudley will be advised accordingly.

Flooding in Burton. The Chairman, Mrs Saunders and the Clerk met with Andrew Lorimer of the County Council at Sowters Lane on 15th December. The problems were fully discussed and Mr Lorimer promises to respond in due course.

Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways. Mr Eddie McWilliam, Rights of Way Promotions Officer at County Hall has so far failed to respond to several attempts to discuss this matter with him. The Clerk will keep trying.

Wall at foot of Council Houses, Seymour Road, Burton. It is believed that only Nr. 13 is still owned by the Borough Council and the wall is in danger of collapse at Nrs. 13 - 15 and also Nrs. 21 - 23. The Borough Council have been consulted and a response is awaited.

Rural Public Transport. Correspondence with James Holden, Public Transport Co-ordinator of the County Council was read. He advises that the Kinch Service No. 8 between Melton and Loughborough via Burton has doubled in frequency. However first and last buses are no earlier/later and he accepts that there was inadequate consultation last summer when these changes were initiated. Further consideration is promised. The Chairman noted that, as well as the first bus being too late for many working people, it was also too late for children attending schools in some parts of Loughborough.

12 FINANCIAL

Payments since the last meeting totalled £1079.93 and Bank Interest of £60.19 had been received taking the Current/Business Reserve to £6,881.54 at end December.

A Comparison to Budget/Outturn Statement as at year end had been circulated to members, along with a proposed Budget for 1999/2000. After discussion it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried unanimously that the Precept for 1999/2000 be fixed at £7000 (unchanged from this year). The Chairman signed the Precept Demand accordingly.

A letter from the L&RAPLC advises that our disappointment at the handling of the audit fee question will be brought to the attention of the Charnwood branch meeting and encloses an NALC circular advising that, at a meeting with the Audit Commission, concern had been expressed about the time charged for by auditors and the Commission had indicated that it intends to pilot the use of locally based accountancy firms on local council audits.

13 CHEQUES

The cheque issued to Moss Solicitors (Item 11 above) for £35.00 was approved. The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies - salary/exp. Dec.	248.66
P & J Services - maint. Nov.	158.63
Intl. Tree Foundation - sub.	20.00
LCC - school footpath	587.50
C H Pitt - work at Playing Field	321.24

14 MISCELLANEOUS

A letter from the Borough Council offers one third grants for **bus shelters**. There is no requirement for these. A Newsletter from the Boundary Commission advises that there will now be no **Review of European Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries** in view of new legislation. The Leicestershire Constabulary have notified Public Meetings for consultation on **The Crime and Disorder Act**. Mrs Saunders will attend.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the 'Detour' project, Burton Hall Planning Application, Millennium Book, 30 mph sign refusal, Travellers and the Precept., Mr Topham requested that, following a great deal of litter blowing about in high winds recently, villagers be reminded to tie up their bin bags.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of
Prestwold held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on
Tuesday 11th May 1999 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mr I Sharpe
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 12th May 1998, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.12 p.m.



PARISH OF PRESTWOLD
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1998/99

Charnwood Draft Local Plan

The Parish Council has continued to follow closely the progress of the Draft Local Plan and has attended hearings in front of the Inspector where local issues were involved. The public hearings are now over but the Inspector's findings are not expected until next year.

Planning Matters

All planning applications on which the Parish Council has been consulted by Charnwood Borough have been carefully considered and commented upon, taking into account the best interests of villagers as a whole. It was pleasing to see that our views had an impact, in such matters as Burton Hall and its surrounding land and the proposed emergency services training on Wymeswold Airfield. Our role is not merely negative; it was encouraging to see the new Burton Post Office open in October last following our strong support.

Burton Playing Field/Village Hall

The Council has continued to support, financially and otherwise, the committees which administer these two community assets. We have recently authorised a £2000 grant to the PFA for improved amenities, subject to them receiving additional grants from elsewhere.

Travellers

During last summer groups of travellers again appeared on Burton Common though the resultant problems were probably less than in some recent years. However, in the Autumn, a group established themselves on that part of the Common used as a Car Park for the Allotments, made themselves at home, stayed throughout the winter (the first time we have experienced this) and apparently had no intention of leaving. As previously The Duke of Somerset (the landowner), whilst sympathetic, was unwilling to incur any expenses in having them evicted and the Council had no alternative, in the interests of the allotment holders and villagers generally, but to take action itself.

Accordingly a Possession Order was obtained and the travellers evicted with the help of bailiffs. This was an expensive operation but, with the generous help of various members of the community, the site has now been secured so as to prevent any repetition of the problem.

A similar problem at Cotes is the responsibility of the County Council and we are pressing them at this moment to take effective action there.



Precept

The Precept was held at £7000 for a further year, this being the lowest figure since 1988/89. Although this Parish element constitutes only a small part of total Council Tax, it is nevertheless pleasing that we have been able to play our part in reducing the burden on local people.

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Now that the long awaited diversions have been approved, the Parish Council has agreed with the County that it will take on more responsibility for promotion and maintenance of local paths, with financial assistance from them.

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This problem has been growing worse over the last year with a number of apparent violations of the Conditions binding on the operators, particularly as regards Sunday activities and helicopter flights. Strong protest has been made to the Borough and this is being maintained.

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We accepted the invitation of the Borough to take a page on their web site, which has now been created with brief details of our villages, their history, facilities etc.

Thanks

To conclude, I should like to express my thanks to all members of the Council for their support and assistance over the last year. I am grateful too to Borough Councillor Robert Shields for his continued interest in and support of our activities.

Most of all though, on behalf of you all I am sure, I should like to express our gratitude to Michael Oakland who has just stood down after twelve years on the Council. He made a distinguished contribution to Council affairs, particularly as Chairman 1995 - 97.



**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of Cotes
held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th
May 1999 at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence

2 MINUTES

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3 MATTERS ARISING

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4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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5 OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Spicer advised that she had had a meeting with an officer of the County Council with regard to the proposed introduction of a 30 mph speed limit on the A 60 through Cotes and on the built up section of Stanford Lane. It is hoped that this will come into force by February next, once all the formalities have taken place. She has also requested a 'dangerous cross roads' sign on the A60 coming out of Loughborough before Stanford Lane.

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The Bus Shelter in Cotes had been damaged and arrangements were made to have it repaired and fully weather-proof.

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